

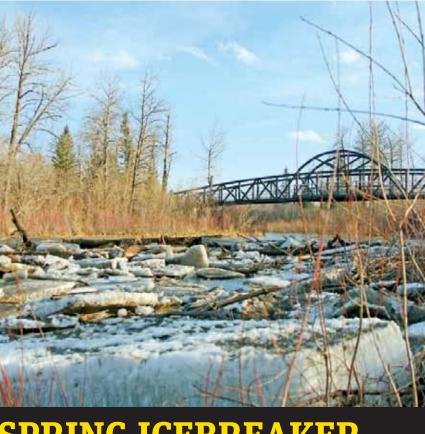


City's skyline growing up

Local developer says number of highrises in Edmonton will continue to increase due to growing interest







SPRING ICEBREAKER

Broken chunks of ice clogged the waterway between Whitemud Creek and the North Saskatchewan River Wednesday as warm weather continued the spring thaw throughout the city.

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School zone speed limits 'well past due': ECS trustee

Bylaw coming. Council looks to revive traffic rule phased out in '70s



RYAN TUMILTY

Drivers around Edmonton schools could soon be forced to slow down after city councillors endorsed plans to move ahead with lower speed limits.

Council passed a motion to start the work for a new bylaw that would require 30 km/h zones around elementary schools, with the possibility of expansion to other schools.

They also asked administration for more information about what the change could cost and how word of it would be spread to the public.

Coun. Michael Walters said he hears regularly from constituents about the issue.

"School zone safety and school safety related to traffic is one of the biggest issues I'm dealing with ..." he said.

Edmonton is one of a few cities in North America that doesn't have school zones. The city phased them out in the 1970s and looked at the issue in 1996, 2000 and 2005, but in all three cases found problems around pickup and drop-off areas were the bigger problem.

"In all reviews the key findings were that congestion and low-speed traffic violations were the main issues around schools at high-activity times, not speeding," said a city report on the issue.

Edmonton Catholic School Trustee Larry Kowalczyk welcomed the proposed changes.

"We have situations where our students have been hit very recently, within the last year," he said. "I think it's an excel-

Strong support

"I think this gives us one more tool to protect the safety of our most vulnerable students."

Coun. Bev Esslinger, on school speed limits.

lent idea. It's well past due."

Kowalczyk suggested the speed fines for a school zone should even be doubled, much like in construction zones, but city administration told councillors only the provincial government could make such a change.

Coun. Bev Esslinger said there are a lot of ways the city can work to reduce traffic collisions and make people safer and this is just one of them.

"I think this gives us one more tool to protect the safety of our most vulnerable students."





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Funding levels

Uneven return of post-sec funds spurs complaints

Money has trickled back into Alberta's budget-battered post-secondary institutions at varying rates, fuelling criticism from some advocates that the province is showing favouritism to certain technical programs and even entire schools.

Metro compared funding levels for each of the province's 26 post-secondary institutions for the upcoming 2014-15 school year with the amount they received in 2012-13. In the 2013-14 budget, every institution was hit with a uniform 7.3 per cent cut in Campus Alberta funding.

The province has since returned \$82.5 million of the \$147 million cut, but the money hasn't come back in the same manner it was taken out.

Calgary's Bow Valley College, for example, has actually seen its overall funding hiked by 2.18 per cent for the upcoming year when compared with 2012-13. Other schools appear closer to breaking even -Calgary's SAIT Polytechnic stands just a little more than one per cent short of the funding it had in 2012-13. But major universities and certain colleges are further from clawing back the funds cut from their institutions.

John Muir, spokesperson for Alberta's advanced education ministry, said the funding kicked back into the sector was done in response to specific proposals from school administrators on where they would like to bump up enrolment.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY, WITH FILES FROM LEAH GERMAIN/METRO



'One of a kind' cowboy honoured

Western wear.

Victim's brother thanks community for outpouring of support



NOLAIS

Before he died, Ben Steiger privately recorded a song, one his loved ones found this week while going through his keep-

"It's called One of a Kind, just like Ben was," remarked older brother Chalmer Steiger on Wednesday.

Ben's passion for strumming tunes was matched only by his love of competing in rodeos. He'd come up through the proper schools, according to Chalmer, learning first to mutton bust, then riding steers and junior bulls.

Over the weekend, Steiger was partaking in three days of saddle bronc training when he was bucked off a horse and later kicked. According to witnesses, the 16-year-old Turner Valley boy attempted to flee the infield but then collapsed in front of dozens of horrified onlookers. Ben's father Wayne Steiger, a registered veterinarian, raced to his son's aid and performed CPR on the unconscious boy until medics arrived.

Ben was pronounced dead before he could be taken to hospital. The Steiger family has now enlisted an area musician to play One of a Kind at Ben's funeral, scheduled for next Tuesday at Calgary's First Alliance Church.

On Wednesday, family and friends of his at Oilfields High School donned their finest western wear in honour of their fallen cowboy.

"Hopefully it's something that continues on every year," Chalmer said. "We really appreciate the support in this terrible time ... he touched a lot of people." Chalmer said the incident was a "fluke."

The Rest in Peace Ben Steiger Facebook page had more than 3,600 likes as of Wednesday evening.

He said while Ben's mother had expressed concerns about his rodeo thrill-seeking ways, that was never enough to deter his spirited little brother.

"Ben was about 100 pounds lighter than me ... but he'd always be right in there, mixing it up," Chalmer said. "He was one of those kids - he was scared of nothing."



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Will officials get a scolding over moulding school?

Same old same mould.

Parent savs problem has persisted because of a lack of funding



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Parents at an Edmonton Catholic elementary will be looking for answers Thursday night as the school board plans a meeting to address mould found in the interior walls of the 20-yearold building.

With two kids enrolled at Good Shepherd Catholic School, Josephine Baran said she was reassured to hear from the Edmonton Catholic Schools board that the air quality at the school was fine and mould had

only been located near the entrance.

But the Edmonton mother of three admitted it's frustrating that such a dramatic step has to be taken to correct the problem that should have already been addressed.

This has been an ongoing problem," Baran said. "They've consistently tried to fix it, but without the resources allocated for infrastructure in our education system, they haven't been able to address it until it's gotten to a point where we have to leave the school.'

As students will be split between two neighbouring schools, Baran will have her Grade 1 daughter sent to Our Lady Victories while her son in Grade 6 will go to local junior high H.E. Beriault.

'There is a level of frustra-

Parents noted the school board's transparency through the entire process has made the incident easier to deal with.

tion in that," she said. "Obviously there is a little bit of unease, but ... there is nothing else we

In a statement to Metro, Dr. Christopher Sikora, medical officer of health for the Edmonton zone, said the school board did seek AHS assistance with assessing the risk.

"AHS has reviewed the findings and found that the air quality at the school ... does not present a risk to student or staff health," he said.



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Outsiders set to build in the city

Big towers. More interest in highrise development



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Condo towers will start sprouting throughout downtown Edmonton in 2014 as developers from outside the city set their sights on developing here.

Jandip Deol, an associate with Colliers International in Edmonton, said many outside players want to invest in the city.

city.

"We're seeing a wide array of buildings that are coming up in Edmonton, when traditionally we haven't seen a lot of it,"

to the CHMC

he said.

Deol points to towers like the Pearl in the Oliver neighbourhood as examples of the kind of luxury development the city is attracting.

The city saw 8,100 condominium starts

last year with an additional 4,200 rental

apartments under construction according

"That's something Edmonton hasn't seen before, so it's going to be interesting to see whether we get absorption for that kind of product or not," he caid

Toronto developer Brad Lamb said work his company is doing in Calgary brought him to Edmonton, and he was quickly impressed.

"We were going to buy one site and I got excited and I bought two," he said.

Lamb was unable to provide all the details on his projects, but he said both will be located on 106 Street, one just north of Jasper, called Jasper House and the other closer to Grant Mac-Ewan called North.

Lamb said other developers followed him to Calgary and he's confident they will do the same with Edmonton.

"There are at least a dozen of my contemporaries — I don't think any of them are as good as us — but they are out there in Calgary looking and now we have announced Edmonton. I guarantee you they are going to start looking at Edmonton."

Pushing to end program

Morinville to vote on photo radar

Morinville residents will get a vote on scrapping photo radar in their community this week.

Voting in advanced polls started Wednesday, with a final vote next Monday on plans to scrap the program that has been operating in the town since 2009. The vote is a result of a petition. Council rejected the petition's request for an end to the program, forcing the vote. Mayor Lisa Holmes said council supports photo radar, but is willing to look at how the program is run if the vote fails to end the program. Ryan tumilty/metro

Health. Alta. judge urges better understanding of stress on foster babies

An Alberta judge says child-welfare workers and foster parents need to have a better understanding of the stress babies in care face to prevent sudden, unexplained deaths.

The recommendation is in a report into the death of a 15-week-old boy who was napping in his crib at an Edmonton foster home in December 2010.

Judge Ferne LeReverend said she couldn't determine a cause of death, but she did note that studies have found infants facing high levels of toxic stress are at a greater risk of dying suddenly. Toxic stress occurs in children who are dealing with prolonged and frequent adversity, something LeReverend says is common for all infants in foster care.

The judge recommends that a doctor trained in toxic stress be assigned to every infant taken into provincial care.

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Scona Road. Council puts the brakes on speed debate

A city councillor's plan to speed up traffic on Scona Road has had the brakes put on it for now, but will get revved up again at city council next week.

Coun. Bryan Anderson is calling for the speed limit to be raised on the road from 50 km/h to 60 km/h. The issue was being discussed at transportation committee when Anderson asked for it to be moved to the full council.

The bylaw would have needed full council approval regardless, but Anderson said he suspects it didn't have sup-

Breakin' the law

Only 11.1 per cent of users of Scona Road currently take it at the posted speed limit.

port at committee.

He said it makes sense for all of council to debate the issue.

"We might as well have all 13 people who have a vested interested in supporting or not supporting the motion," he said

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Peace River

Culvert backup leads to flooding

Water 30 centimetres deep led to a voluntary evacuation advisory in Peace River after a culvert that runs through the northwestern community overflowed.

The flooding started

late Tuesday afternoon in the downtown area after water began rising in the Pat's Creek culvert.

Town work crews dug a hole in a dike to allow the overflow to drain.

Mayor Tom Tarpey said that as of Wednesday morning, levels were receding. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bikeology Fest hopes to inspire more city cyclers



Free family event.

Festival wants to engage Edmontonians with the bike services at their disposal



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Organizers of the city's Bikeology Festival are hoping to change some mindsets in Edmonton.

With the 13th year of the festival set to roll out this June, executive director Karly Coleman is hoping the event

Quoted

"We want to get people thinking about bikes."

Karly Coleman, executive director,

starts a conversation.

"We want to get people thinking about bikes. I think it's very important to have not only infrastructure in assisting people in riding bikes ... but also to understand it's not unfeasible to use bikes as transportation," she said.

A large free family event is scheduled for June 14 at Churchill Square as part of the festival and Bike Month celebrations, with more events to be scheduled closer to the date.

Coleman hopes that by encouraging people to learn about the different organizations in the city that involve themselves around cycling, the more it becomes engrained in people's mindset.

"Edmonton is probably known as more of a car-centric city but lots and lots of people ride bikes and more do so each year. There's people (riding) already and I do think there's opportunity to do more," she said.

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Man arrested after stabbing rampage at Toronto office

Attempted murder charges. Police say suspect had just been fired when he attacked. leaving four injured

An employee of a human resources company stabbed his superiors while being fired at a Toronto office building, police said Wednesday.

Police said four people were injured, including one woman who has life-threatening injur-

Chuang Li, 47, faces three counts of attempted murder and four counts of aggravated assault with a knife.

Dan Darnbrough, a Toronto police detective, said employees held the man before police arrived. A 32-year-old woman



and three men between the ages of 35 and 45 were injured, he said. Three remain hospital-

Ceridian, a global payroll and human resources company based in Bloomington, Minnesota, said four of its employees were attacked by a "former employee." Asked if the man attacked after being fired, Ceridian released a statement that

SUGAR CRAVINGS?

said "due to employee confidentiality guidelines, we are unable to share any additional information.

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"He was being fired and I guess then he proceeded to get involved in stabbing some of his bosses and some other employees."

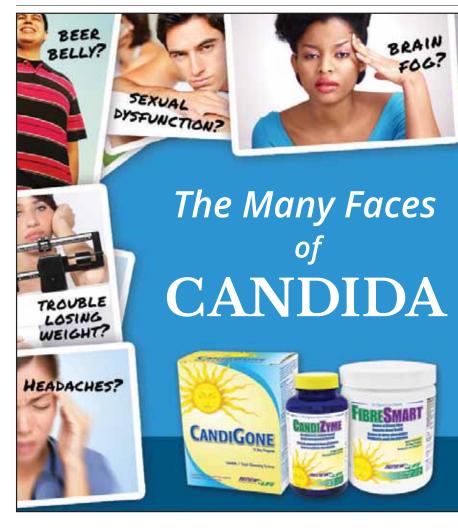
Toronto police Det. Daniel Darnbrough

Police earlier said they were called at about 9:30 a.m. local time with reports that "a man with scissors had entered the business and began stabbing people.

Television footage showed police putting a handcuffed man, wearing a bloodied shirt, into a police car. The man turned his head while in the backseat and said hello to a TV camera pointed at him.

The man is due in court on Thursday. The canadian press

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Wi-Fi? Why not! Vancouverites may soon enjoy free wireless web

B.C. City's park board to prioritize Internet access in spaces with high residential density, tourist appeal



Wouldn't it be nice to use free Wi-Fi instead of pricey cellular data plans when posting pics on Instagram of the sun setting over the beach?

Vancouver's park board figures residents and tourists would appreciate the option, and it will vote on a motion next week asking staff to determine potential locations for free public Wi-Fi, the cost of such a program and a timeline for implementing the service, Commissioner Trevor Loke announced Wednesday.

The city has been considering free Wi-Fi since at least 2005 — it's already in place



at city hall and at the public library — and council passed a digital strategy last year promising to make public Internet access a reality by 2016.

But Loke wants to get the ball rolling on the plan to ensure the park board has a say in what places get Wi-Fi. Suggestions so far have focused on busy downtown shopping strips.

'We want to make sure that park spaces are a priority within the digital strategy," Loke said.

The park board will prioritize Internet access in spaces with high residential density and appeal for tourists.

It's not clear how much

infrastructure would cost, but the city is considering partnerships with local providers. The entire digital strategy was budgeted at \$30 million between 2013 and

Quebec City, Denver, Co., and Auckland, New Zealand, already provide free public

Bahamas. Former Winnipeg resident shot dead by masked home invaders

A British citizen visiting the Bahamas was killed in a home invasion in an upscale neighbourhood of Grand Bahama, authorities said Wednesday.

Edgar George Dart, a 56-yearold who lived in Winnipeg, was shot and killed when three masked intruders burst into his family's home in the island's Emerald Bay neighbourhood, said Assistant Commissioner Emrick Seymour of the Royal Bahamas Police Force.

Dart was visiting his moth-

er's home when he apparently struggled with one of the assailants as they tied up family members with duct tape during the Tuesday morning attack, Seymour said.

The attackers had apparently cut phone service to the house before the attack. They fled in a gardener's van.

No suspects are in custody and Seymour appealed to the public for help. It was the sixth homicide of the year on Grand Bahama. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York

Paralyzed worker sues rail company for \$100 million

A railroad mechanic paralyzed in a deadly New York derailment says he forgives the man driving the train.

Samuel Rivera praised Metro-North Railroad on Wednesday as he announced a \$100-million lawsuit against it.

Rivera spoke from a rehabilitation centre north of New York City. He has no movement of his legs and very little in his arms.

Four people were killed and more than 70 injured in the Dec. 1 derailment in the Bronx. Rivera is calling for legislation mandating seat belts on public transportation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pakistan

Attempted murder case against baby prompts outcry

A nine-month-old Pakistani boy has been swept up in an attempted murder investigation that highlights the country's dysfunctional criminal justice system where even children are not immune from questionable legal decisions.

The toddler was brought to court last Friday as part of an investigation relating to an incident where residents in his neighbourhood clashed with police. He was granted bail by a judge.

The Jan. 31 altercation sparked police to open an attempted murder investigation into 30 people, including the father of the toddler and his unnamed son, said police officer Atif Zulfiqar, who is in charge of the area. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wounded by trains

Honduran migrants ask Mexico to allow free passage

About a dozen Honduran migrants who lost legs and arms after falling from trains during northbound journeys across Mexico asked the country's Senate on Tuesday to stop the government's persecution of Central Americans, protect them from criminal

gangs and contribute money to shelters for their care.

The migrants say that drug gang members and other criminals frequently beat, stab or push them from moving trains during their journeys through Mexico to the United States.

The migrants expressed hope that Mexico would agree to allow them transit visas or free passage without documents to cross the country on their way to the U.S. border.

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Graphic photo causes stir at **Pistorius trial**



Prosecutor takes aggressive line.

Accused Olympian refuses to look at image of slain girlfriend's bloodied head

Oscar Pistorius refused to look at a photo of his dead girlfriend's bloody head wounds while testifying at his murder trial Wednesday as the prosecutor urged the star athlete to "take responsibility" for killing

"It's time that you look at it," chief prosecutor Gerrie Nel said, setting the stage for a rigorous first day of crossexamination of Pistorius, the double-amputee Olympian charged with premeditated murder for shooting Reeva Steenkamp three through a toilet door at his

"I remember," Pistorius said

of Steenkamp's bloodied head, becoming distraught and then crying as he turned away from the gruesome image of the injuries he inflicted that were displayed next to him in a packed courtroom in South Africa's capital.

The showing of the photograph on TV screens in the courtroom caused among spectators, who included Steenkamp's mother, June.

"I will not look at a picture where I'm tormented by what I saw and felt that night," Pistorius said. "As I picked Reeva up, my fingers touched her head. I remember. I don't have to look at a picture, I was there.'

Pistorius, 27, says he shot Steenkamp in the pre-dawn hours on Valentine's Day — in the head, arm and hip - by mistake, thinking she was a dangerous intruder behind the door in his bathroom about to come out and attack him. Prosecutors charge he killed the 29-year-old intentionally.

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'Cuban Twitter.' Havana probes leak of half-million cellphone numbers

Cuba's government said Wednesday it has launched a probe into how hundreds of thousands of customer cellphone numbers fell into the hands of a U.S. government program that used them to secretly set up a mobile-based, Twitter-like social network on the island.

An Associated Press investigation revealed last week that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) program used the data to build a subscriber base for the platform, dubbed ZunZuneo, with the idea that it could be used

Cuba considers such USAID programs to be subversive attempts to topple its Communist-run government. Officials told reporters that state telecom Etecsa had not provided the data to any international operator or entity, and that the information was obtained

Washington officials have defended the ZunZuneo program as consistent with U.S. law and described it as "discreet," rather than covert or classified. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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More troops needed in C.A.R.: Envoy

Central African Republic. UN votes Thursday on expanding its role: U.S. ambassador calls for more troop support

The U.S. ambassador to the

United Nations on Wednesday urged more support for existing African and French troops in Central African Republic on the eve of a UN vote to create a peacekeeping mis-

Ambassador Samantha Power, making her second visit to the country since unprecedented sectarian violence erupted in December, said the African peacekeeping mission is now working to fill the gap left by neigh-bouring Chad. Last week the Chadian government began withdrawing its 850 troops following allegations some had indiscriminately killed dozens of unarmed civilians.

Power, who met Wednesday with top officials from the African peacekeeping group, said that Cameroonian and French forces were being moved into the areas previously guarded by the Chadians.

"There's no question that we need to redouble our efforts - we're making them every day anyway," she told reporters.

"But this adds even more urgency to the task of getting

more troops and more police deployed rapidly in order to fill those gaps which really do exist." The UN Security Council is due to vote Thursday on expanding the nearly 5,000-strong African mission in Central African Republic into a UN peacekeeping operation for the country of 4.6

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'What I think the UN is trying to do is to make sure we go on a case-bycase basis."

U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power

At least 19,000 Muslims are still trapped and unable to flee. Part of the challenge is finding out whether people want to leave.



Putin turns up the heat

Masked pro-Russian activists guard barricades at the regional administration building in Donetsk, Ukraine, Wednesday. Russian President Vladimir Putin turned up the heat on Ukraine on Wednesday by threatening to demand advance payment for gas supplies, a move designed to exert economic pressure as Ukraine confronts possible bankruptcy and a mutiny by pro-Russian separatists. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia. World security co-operation 'localized' a threat at Sochi: Official

Russia's security service chief says intelligence agencies in Russia and other countries helped to prevent terrorist attacks on the Winter Games in

FSB chief Alexander Bortnikov said in comments carried by Russian news agencies on Wednesday that intelligence agencies from the United States, Austria, France, Germany and Georgia had helped Russia to target individuals who were plotting terrorist attacks on the 2014 Winter Games.

The revelation is particularly striking because Russia has not had diplomatic ties with Georgia since 2008. The Black Sea resort of Sochi hosted the Winter Games in February, which ran without any security incidents. Bortnikov gave few details but said cooperation with the foreign intelligence agencies "localized that threat.

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Scans show details of mummy's body

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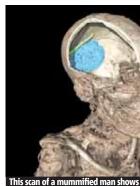
Scientists 'thrilled' to discover embalming tools in mummy's skull

Our fascination with mummies never gets old. The British Museum is using the latest technology to unwrap their ancient mysteries.

Scientists at the museum have used CT scans and sophisticated imaging software to go beneath the bandages, revealing skin, bones, preserved internal organs — and in one case a brain-scooping rod left inside a skull by embalmers.

The findings go on display next month in an exhibition that sets eight of the museum's mummies with detailed images of their insides and 3D printed replicas of some items buried with them.

Director Neil MacGregor said 6.8 million people visited the London institution last year, "and every one asked



the remains of the brain and a tool.

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one of my colleagues, 'Where

are the mummies?"

The museum has been X-raying its mummies since the 1960s, but modern CT scanners give a vastly sharper im-

Just like live patients, the mummies chosen for the exhibition were scanned at London hospitals — though they were wheeled in after hours. The museum's scientists were thrilled to discover a spatulalike probe still inside one man's skull, along with a blob of brain.

"The tool at the back of the skull was quite a revelation, because embalmers' tools are something that we don't know much about," said John Taylor, museum mummy expert.

Another mummy, a woman who lived in Sudan around 700 A.D., was a Christian with a tattoo of the Archangel Michael's name on her inner thigh.

The star of the show is

The star of the show is Tamut, a temple singer from a family of high-ranking priests. She died around 900 B.C.

Her brightly decorated casket has never been opened, but the scans have revealed her well-preserved body, her face and short-cropped hair.

"Come back in another five years and you will hear Tamut sing," MacGregor said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Plunket's princely play date

Britain's Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, holds Prince George, left, during a visit to Plunket nurse and parents group on Wednesday at Government House in Wellington, New Zealand. Plunket is a not-for-profit organization providing care for children and families. MARTY MELVILLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Airport scare

Man found with loaded handgun

A Virginia man was arrested at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport after a loaded handgun was found in his bag at a security checkpoint.

Maryland Transportation Authority Police say 36-year-old Ryan Watson of Stafford, Va., was charged. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Infertility

Italian court lifts ban on donations

Italy's constitutional court has struck down a ban on egg or sperm donation for infertile couples.

Health Minister Beatrice Lorenzin, saying the law had effectively been "gutted," called on Parliament to revise legislation.

The conservative law reflects the influence on lawmakers by the Vatican, whose teaching forbids artificial procreation.
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A truly Canadian quiz

The Canadian citizenship test was altered in 2010 to make it a little more difficult.

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The problem was those mandatory questions were always the same, making the test easy to beat by paying for the answers beforehand. (And, it's been proven that really was happening).

About 96 per cent of those taking the test before 2010 passed. The new formula has lowered the pass rate to 80 per cent or so.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) sends all applicants a study guide as soon as the paperwork is received.

"The best way to succeed at the citizenship test is to study Discover Canada," said a CIC official. "We encourage people to begin studying as soon as they apply for citizenship and receive their study

As well, an online language test must be taken and passed before anything else happens.

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Priscilla Bunke has come a long way, in more ways than one.

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Her route to Canada was via Germany, where she spent 11 years. She then worked through a process of re-qualifying as a lawyer in Alberta, completing that in May 2012.

It's been 18 years since Bunke left her native Nigeria, and she's now a successful specialist in securities and derivatives regulatory law, as well as the energy and oil industries, with Dentons law firm

If that sounds impressive, it's because it is.

"It wasn't easy," she said. "But many people come here and succeed.

She's done a lot of work in the last 11 years, including 12 exams just to re-qual"I wouldn't lie," said Bunke, 45, who has a 14-year-old son and an 11-year-old daughter. "Life is very good now. I'm very happy now. But it was tough."

She said working in Germany — where she completed a master's degree and worked as a corporate counsel for an insurance company - was tougher, mainly due to the language barrier.

In Canada, Bunke was able to find work quickly, spending three years as a legal researcher while she re-qualified.

But adjusting to Canada after she arrived in July 2007 brought its own chal-

There's a greater emphasis on networking, she explained, and the lessons come thick and fast.

"What I've realized here is that if you are open to learning, then people are really, really kind and ready to help," Bunke said, adding that she values the Canadian mentors who offered their time.

"I've been very fortunate and blessed to meet people who have been amazing.

elfare system. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO It's been a tough few years

Now 54, he came to Canada from Colombia in January 2008.

for Jamie Martinez.

"My original background is mechanical engineering,' Martinez said. "But I worked for Goodyear in Colombia for 17 years in human resources. I wanted to do something the same when I came to Canada, but I couldn't."

First, there was a language barrier.

Two ESL courses helped with that, but even applying for jobs was a problem, so there followed lessons in creating a resumé and looking for work.

Martinez spent years being offered only labourer jobs, and he's also been forced to tap into the welfare system. But he stayed determined to work in administration, in a similar job to the one he had in Colom-

It took three years before he landed an office job, and he says his experience isn't rare - even the large numbers of university-educated immigrants face a steep climb, he said.

Martinez, who is in the country on a work visa and



Jamie Martinez moved to Canada from Colombia in January 2008. He spent years working as a labourer in Canada and has been forced to tap into the

"We need more help to overcome all the problems we have."

Jamie Martinez

still trying, after six years, to get permanent resident status, says he's committed to Canada.

Nowadays, he works as executive director of the Latino Canadian Community Corporation in London, Ont., and is a leading light in the London Multicultural Club.

"Canada is amazing," he

"We love Canada. It's so family-oriented."

But he called on employers to be more open to newcomers, whose status is easily signalled with a SIN card number that starts with "9."

"We don't get real help to get a job," he said about immigrants.

"We need more help to overcome all the problems we have.' MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

IN LONDON, ONT.

Getting their start elsewhere

Plenty of immigrants come to Canada and wind up being household names. You may be surprised at how many well-known Canucks didn't actually get a start in the True North strong and free. Here's a look:

Steve Nash is considered the best NBA player ever to spend most of his life in Canada.



Currently a member of the Los Angeles Lakers, he was named the NBA's most valuable player in both 2006 and 2007. He grew up in Victoria, B.C. He was born in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Ernie Coombs was a children's entertainer who starred in



the Canadian television series, Mr. Dressup. He became a Canadian citizen in 1994. He and his family lived in Pickering, Ont. He was born in Lewiston, Maine.

Brendan Fraser, son of Canadian parents, is a movie and stage actor who portrayed Rick Fraser O'Čonnell in the three-part

Mummy series. He is also known for other comedic and fantasy-film leading roles in major Hollywood movies. He was born in Indianapolis, Ind.

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McD's Canada supersizes hiring of young people

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More focus on the self

Twitter redesigns for the Selfie Age

As Twitter looks to broaden its appeal beyond its 241 million users, the company is introducing a redesign of profile pages that includes bigger photos, more user controls and a distinct resemblance to Facebook.

As part of changes coming in the next few weeks, users who access Twitter via the Web will notice larger photos on their profile pages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Half a million in Canada

Toyota recalls 6.39M vehicles

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'Heartbleed' bug causes major heartburn for CRA

Canada Revenue Agency. If you haven't filed your taxes, you won't be able to until at least the weekend due to computer bug

tax-return season in full swing, the Canada Revenue Agency suddenly locked down its online filing services on Wednesday, fearful of a new vulnerability in software used by much of the world to safeguard secure websites on the Inter-

All of the federal government's online systems were under review after word of the so-called "Heartbleed" computer bug prompted the tax agency to pull the plug on its electronic services as a precaution.

"As a preventative meas-ure, the CRA has temporarily shut down public access to our online services to safeguard the integrity of the information we hold," the agency said in a stateHeart-stopping oversight

Bug went undetected for two years

A confounding computer bug called "Heartbleed" is causing major security headaches across the Internet as websites scramble to fix the problem and web surfers wonder whether they should change their passwords to prevent theft of their email accounts, credit card numbers and other sensitive information.

Security researchers who uncovered the threat are particularly worried about the lapse because it went undetected for more than two years.

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The shutdown came after the Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre

The Canada Revenue Agency headquarters in Ottawa is shown on Friday. The 'Heartbleed' bug forced the tax agency on Wednesday to suspend its online filing services. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS to system administrators about the coding flaw. It

recommended that system

Agency

Other federal systems were also being assessed for their vulnerability to the

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lon, a spokesperson for Shared Services Canada, the federal agency that oversees the government's IT infrastructure. The canadian press

operators unable to plug in (CCIRC) issued a warning an immediate fix get off the Around the world in a solar plane



A Swiss team planning to complete the first round-the-world solar flight next year unveiled a new version of their unique aircraft Wednesday, which they say could remain in the air indefinitely.

Pilots Bertrand Piccard and André Borschberg said the Solar Impulse 2 improves upon the single-seater prototype that first took flight five years ago, and which has since demonstrated that a solar-powered plane can fly through the night, between two continents and across the

The updated plane presented to the world at the Payerne Air Force Base in Switzerland has better batteries for storing energy soaked up from the sun by the 7,200 solar cells that cover its mas-

At 236 feet, its wingspan is eight metres longer than the first prototype - longer even than the wings of a Boeing 747 jumbo jet — but still only weights 2.54 tons, about as much as a large car.





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GIVE UP YOUR SUMMER JOB SEARCH

Now that summer break has arrived for you university and college students, it's time to decide what your dream job is, because you'll be thinking about it a lot while you rot in some summer-job cesspool.

That's probably hard to hear after eight difficult months of alcoholism and plagiarism, but it's the truth, as cold and hard as the nickels you'll be stealing from the tip jar.

One of the only guaranteed jobs out there this time of year is writing tips for people looking for summer jobs (ka-ching!), and in my experience most articles like this one are far too optimistic, even naive.

They're all about networking and gumption and stick-to-it-iveness (formerly known as perseverance). Just put yourself out there and good things

will happen, the advice goes. Lies, I say. It harkens back to my parents' youth in New Brunswick, where job seekers simply grabbed the 'help wanted' sign in the window and handed it to the boss, who was so impressed

by an N.B.er with basic literacy skills and opposable thumbs that the new hire was well on their way to becoming Senior Vice-President of 'Help Wanted' Sign Distribution. Or so I've

But when I was playing this game 15 years ago, it was pretty painful. Mostly it involved looking at recipe cards tacked to a corkboard at a youth employment centre and praying that "pay negotiable" meant six figures or sev-

I'm ignorant of today's job market — no doubt it involves e-recipe cards robo-tacked to a World Wide Corkboard — but since the media has dubbed today's youth demographic "generation screwed" I'm going to assume

things aren't super.

John Mazerolle

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From what I've heard, the modern job seeker requires three call-back interviews, including one in front of a board of directors, just to apprentice for the guy who fetches the coffee, and even then it's an unpaid internship until you're 34.

It's pretty much hopeless. But I'm legally obligated to provide a few tips, so:

- It's not what you do, it's who you do.
- Crack the so-called hidden job market by surfing to the Canada Job Bank and typing up up down down left right left right B A.
- BuzzFeed's Which Career Should You REALLY Have? is pretty much can't-miss.

But the biggest advice I would give anyone looking for a summer job is: Avoid it if you can.

I'm not even kidding. If you can avoid it at all - either because you're spoiled or you're cheap — then do it. Working in between school years makes the whole summer seem like life's longest Sunday, melancholy and muted even when it's

I know that supposedly makes me irresponsible then and now, but, trust me, you will not look back and say, "I wish I'd joined the workforce sooner."

Instead, inform your friends that you're looking to travel or party or vegetate and that they should join you. Help wanted,' in other words.

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It's rather en-lightning



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Electrical storms get oohs and ahhs

A thrill-seeking storm chaser captured the precise moment these giant lightning bolts lit up dark skies in a series of incredible storms.

Craig Eccles, a photographer from Perth, Western Australia, travels up to 500 kilometres in anticipation of a powerful storm—all for the sake of capturing that ferocious majesty on camera.

Photog's viewpoint

"I have seen lightning bolts stretch for miles across the sky. For me, it's not all about the lightning bolt — some-times it's about being in pitch black and in a split second, it appears as dav."

Craig Eccles, photographer from Perth, Western Australia

How and when?

- Electrical potential builds up inside clouds, between water droplets with either a positive and negative charge This potential is discharged in the form of lightning
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One cat not a fan



Much of the feisty behaviour we find so amusing about cats can be attributed to their displeasure for treading on their turf or ignoring their critically important needs.

"You think you can ignore my hunger at 5 a.m.? My raking at this blanket begs to differ.'

This cat goes from fuzzy guitar groupie to feisty heckler based on a similar complaint. "Listen, Duane Allman. I'm in charge of licks around here."

Luckily, lame puns and their accompanying groans are for humans only. Or I'd be in a lot of trouble with my cat today.



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Laugh-riot festival plans to set Edmonton on fire

Bonfire Festival.

Third annual event hosted by Rapid Fire Theatre pushes boundaries of improv



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As the Bonfire Festival enters its third year, organizers are looking to make their mark on Edmonton's entertainment scene with edgy and experimental shows. Hosted by Rapid Fire Theatre, Bonfire planning starts smouldering months in advance. Resident performers are sent to international festivals, tasked with scouting new longform improv.

"Every year Bonfire features new programming. Our festival is inspired by new formats such as a genre piece someone has conceived, like basing a show around the music of Bruce Springsteen or something one of our actors has done while travelling

while travelling.

"I hope this festival broadens the audience's perspective of what improv can be. We do long form and



theatre sports every week, but Bonfire allows us to do shows that are completely different," says artistic director Amy Shostak.

When it comes time to put the festival together, Shostak turns to a group of about 45 of Rapid Fire Theatre's improv actors.

"We have people who have been improvising from a year to 20 years who pitch concepts. I look for ideas that involve a good mix of people and need a cast of eight to 10 that the audience will be impressed by," she says, before adding,

"This year, we have a

show with (sound-synchronized) lighting. I think that's something the audience hasn't seen in improv yet."

One of those departures includes broaching a touchy subject: terrorism. "I am really looking forward to the show Hostage," says Shostak, who is also directing.

"One of the actors' names gets pulled from a hat, they are whisked away and locked in a room where they improvise without audience involvement. Every so often we cut to their room, but they don't know when they are broadcasted or not, so they have to keep going for the whole 45 minutes.

"Based on the isolated actor's contribution, the actors on stage will create a scene for it. The play has a huge technical element but I think it's really rewarding for the audience."

Weekday tickets are \$10 per show; weekend tickets are \$12 per show; or a \$25 festival pass gives access to all seven shows. The Bonfire Festival runs until April 12 with nightly performances at 7:30 p.m. and additional shows at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

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Trailer Park Boys are still living the dream

Don't Legalize It.

Ricky, Julian and Bubbles are back and drunker than ever

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As my photographer and I file into a suite at Toronto's Grand Hotel, we're hit with the stench of stale cigarettes and sweat-out liquor.

Bubbles horks a snot rocket before offering to shake hands with us. Ricky and Julian follow suit — sans loogie — and the trio settle into the overstuffed microsuede couch to talk about their upcoming movie, Don't Legalize It, the third feature film for the Trailer Park Boys.

Three movies and an enduring TV series (a new 10-episode season will debut on Netflix later this year) isn't too shabby an accomplishment for the trio from Dartmouth's Sunnyvale Trailer Park. But the boys don't let the success get to their heads. They're still living hard

and while they were here for the Toronto premiere of Don't Legalize It, they made the most of their time in the big city.

"It's fantastic," Bubbles says when asked how he's liking Toronto

"We like it," groans Julian behind a pair of dark aviators. "We were up late last night."

How late?

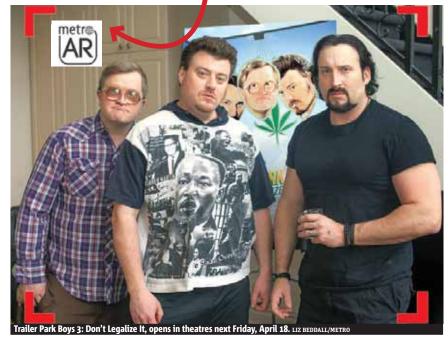
"Oh, about 7:30 a.m.," says Bubbles.

It's now noon and the sun is beating into the hotel room.

But Bubbles insists they were only drinking cherry colas. I should've been a better journalist and clarified — though I'm pretty sure he meant the type of colas made of spiced rum and amaretto.

Ricky has been silent so far, slouching on the far end of the couch, hiding behind a pair of sunglasses and looking slightly sweaty. But we want to hear from him — he's the real star of this film, after all, as he treks to Ottawa in a camper van to make an inspired speech about why it's a mistake to legalize dope.

He looks a little ashen but tries his best to articulate his



arguments. "I think if they're going to legalize it, they should at least let the people who are growing and selling it like me keep doing their job," he says.

"There's enough unemployment. If they're going to legalize it, they should be doing it

the right way; it shouldn't just be the government just taking all the money. Their dope is probably going to suck, you

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"Their dope is probably going to suck, you might not be able to get honey oil or hash any more, so I don't know if it's a good thing."

Ricky on why we shouldn't legalize pot

might not be able to get honey oil or hash any more, so I don't know if it's a good thing."

I think that's the best I'm going to get out of these still-drunk boys, so I wrap the interview.

But later that night, at the after-party, after the premiere of the film and a few downed cocktails, I see Ricky. I flip him the bird and tell him he has some off to f—k. "That was a terrible interview," I tell him. "Maybe the worst ever."

"What do you want from me? I was hungover as f—k?" he shoots back.

Fair enough.

As if to make amends, he invites me to do a shot. I oblige. Even after a decade, life is still good as a Trailer Park Boy.



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Wish granted: Tina & Amy to star in sister comedy

How is it that we can put a man on the moon, but Amy Poehler and Tina Fey have only starred in one film together? And that film was Baby Mama? (Mean Girls doesn't count. They had supporting roles in that.) Luckily, things are about to change. According to the Hollywood Reporter, the stars of 30 Rock and Parks and Recreation will co-star in The Nest, a dark period thriller. Just kidding, it's a

comedy, obviously. The Nest is about adult sisters (they're playing sisters!) who find out that their parents are selling their childhood home, so they decide to throw one last big party there. In the process, they learn to mature. The Nest will be directed by Jay Roach, who also directed Pitch Perfect. It's written by Paula Pell, a former Saturday Night Live writer who also played Pete's wife on 30 Rock.

After 27 years, Tom Ford and his partner have fashionably late nuptials

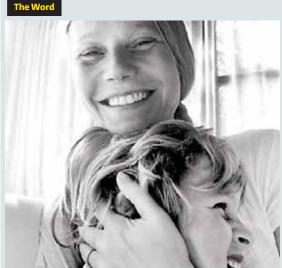
Fashion icon Tom Ford is officially off the market, as he and his partner of 27 years, former Vogue Hommes International editor Richard Buckley, recently tied the knot in a very quiet ceremony, according to Vogue. Ford let the news slip casually while speaking at the Regent Street Apple Store opening in London earlier this week. "We are now married, which is nice," Ford said. "I know that was just made legal in the



U.K., which is great. We were married in the States."

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Gwynnie might need practice at conscious uncoupling

MELINDA

Metro World News in New York

Moses Martin, the son of Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin, turned eight on Tuesday, and Gwyneth posted this sweet pic on Twitter for his birthday. Yeah, happy birthday, Moses — now run and play, because we need to talk to your mom about something.

Check out her hand in the photo. Despite her much publicized "conscious uncoupling" from Chris Martin, it appears that Gwyneth is still wearing her wedding ring. That's assuming this is a current photo, of course, which seems likely — Moses' "Aw, Mom" expression certainly looks like an eightyear-old boy to me.

So what do you think is the deal with the ring? I'd say maybe she's not ready to remove it, but I don't think Gwyneth Paltrow has ever shown that kind of emotional weakness in her life. And I say that with tremendous and earnest respect. She's an oil-pulling, hydrangeastroking pillar of steel. No, the ring must be a deliberate step in her conscious uncoupling. Unless her conscious uncoupling has gone so well that she's already remarried to someone else.



Big Red in a new film that makes some big claims

Say it ain't so, Captain Janeway. Kate Mulgrew, who currently stars as Big Red on Orange Is the New Black, is part of a new movie about geocentrism — the belief that the sun orbits the Earth. Mulgrew, who also spent seven years playing a starship captain on Star Trek: Voyager, narrates The Principle by ultra-conservative Robert Sungenis, who maintains the blog Galileo Was Wrong.

So is Mulgrew a devotee of Sungenis' extremely bogus theory? Unclear. She does say that "everything we think we know about our universe is wrong" in the trailer, though apparently not everyone who was in that trailer chose to be there. On second thought, let's hope she really does buy into geocentrism, because that would probably break new ground in the realm of weird celebrity beliefs.

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Alright.. 3 hrs sleep, but kickin' jet lag's ass. Its time to work.. Good morning from lovely London.



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Spring clean your style

Won't you let them live?! In the spirit of reducing, reusing and recycling, we look at three ways to deal with your done-for duds this spring without tossing them in the trash



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Whether you've stuck to your New Year's resolutions or not, the sun is coming out and revealing that you are a different person than you were back when the halls were being decked.

Spring is almost here and it's time to reassess that wardrobe.

But what do you do with those piles of threads that no longer thrill you?

Let us give you a few fashionable tips for figuring that out.

Sell 'em

Sites such as Craigslist, Kijiji and eBay Canada have made it easy for regular folks to become retail mavericks.

If you've got a few pieces that you picked out in a fit of passion, but never quite figured out how to flaunt, selling them to a more suitable style hunter might be the way to go.

But if you've never opened up shop on a webbased platform, it may be difficult to know how to get visitors to even give your garments a second look.



London-based luxury gown designer Farishta Zarify, who won the eBay Canada 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year award for her successful online store, says it's all about the visuals.

"It's online shopping, so you're taking away the experience of seeing the item in person," says Zarify, who recommends taking plenty of photographs of each garment in proper lighting and with a simple background.

"Also make sure to list all the defining characteristics like brand name, size and measurements so the customer knows exactly what they're going to get."

Donate 'em

There's arguably no better way to feel good about say-

ing goodbye to your garments than by giving them away to a great cause.

There are plenty of organizations across Canada that will accept your gently used clothing for donation. These institutions include, are certainly not limited to, The Salvation Army and Clothesline for the Canadian Diabetes Association.

And what if spring has brought with it a brand new job and you no longer need that blazer and those flashy flats?

Turn your charitable sights to Dress for Success, a worldwide organization with locations across Canada, which helps to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing them with professional attire received via

drop-off donation.

"In the process of picking out an outfit and having a conversation with a volunteer stylist, our clients are transformed," says executive director of Dress for Success's Toronto chapter, Paige Souter.

"They start to believe that the next chapter in their lives will be better than the part that they're leaving."

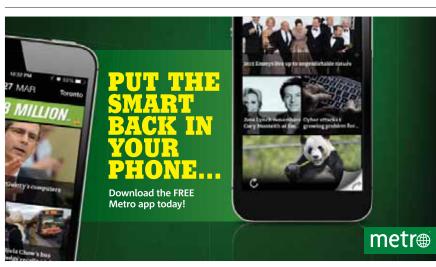
And if you've had a pile accumulating in your closet for ages but lack the means to lug it to your local donation box, you can always pay a quick visit to donation town.org, an online directory of charities that offer donation pick-up service.

So now that you've figured out a way to curb the closet chaos, go ahead and get 'packin!

Rework 'em

Welcome to the generation of DIY, where every item can be manipulated into something even more magnificent. So don't give up on that garment – it's got life in it yet! To prove this to you, we asked Alana Kumar, the Victoria, B.C.-based creator of DIY blog dreamcreate.ca, to suggest four ways to breathe new life into your wardrobe.

- Use your scissors!
 Sometimes clothes
 have unnecessary
 ruffles, bows, etc. Say
 a prayer to the DIY
 gods and start having
 fun. Cutting ruffles can
 transform a girly top
 or dress into a much
 more classic silhouette,
 and give your piece a
 second chance.
- Turn a dress into a skirt.Take a maxi dress and simply tuck the top under. Now you have a new maxi skirt that you can pair with any top.
- For pieces with a few layers like a dress, try removing the top layer with a pair of scissors, sometimes the "shell" of the dress is more beautiful and simple than the original.
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Bonsai, the haiku of the tree world

In rare form. Ancient technique of shaping trees is the zenith of container planting

Many people have a bonsai story: A first bonsai, a struggling bonsai. And many of these stories do not end happily, at least for the bonsai.

But the very best bonsai stories are about passion and beauty and transformation.

"A dewdrop hanging for a split second — that is bonsai," said Julian Velasco, the curator of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's bonsai colection and C.V. Starr Bonsai Museum. "It's very Zen-like. It's awesome."

For Velasco, who nurtures over 350 bonsai trees at the botanic garden — one of the largest and oldest bonsai collections on public display outside Japan — it all started with a bonsai he purchased as a young man at a street fair in San Francisco.

"Pretty quickly I knew it would be a lifelong path," he said.

"When you see the Grand Canyon or Yosemite, you are taking in the emotion of the place as much as the visual image," and bonsai is about that emotion, he said. It is the haiku of the tree world.

"About 30 years ago, a friend brought a bonsai for me from Hawaii, and I've been hooked ever since. Now my wife and I have hundreds of bonsai," he said. "Bonsai are a long-term commit-



ment, though, and most take at least a decade to create. Some can hardly go a day without some kind of care. It's almost like having a pet."

Although Velasco said the ultimate goal is to "open your heart to the tree," he has a few more practical tips The first is to choose a variety of tree suited to your environment. Bonsai are trees or shrubs, and most varieties should be grown outside, where they require a period of dormancy in winter.

For most people, however, who want to grow their bonsai indoors or keep them outdoors only in warmer months, tropical varieties like the ficus or Australian brush cherry, with its interesting flower and bark, are good choices. Both are sturdy enough to endure a few beginners' mistakes, do well indoors and can be kept

Bonsai for beginners

Bonsai, Japanese for "planted in a tray," originated in China in around 200 A.D., and the art spread several hundred years later to Japan. The art of bonsai was introduced to the U.S. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and at least one of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden bonsai trees is more than 200 years old.

 Bonsai is horticulture, art, philosophy and even a way of life in the form of a single tree, lovingly pruned and trained to exist in a small pot so that it reflects the majesty of the natural environment, explained Julian Velasco, the curator of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's bonsai collection.

- Luckily for beginners, learning to nurture a bonsai has never been easier.
- Expert help, once found only in Japan or China, is now more readily available at bonsai clubs and shops around the world. The American Bonsai Society lists bonsai clubs across the United States and Canada, and Bonsai Clubs International lists clubs worldwide.

outside so long as temperatures are above 16 degrees Celsius.

Another good option, particularly for people with access to an outdoor growing space, is Chinese elm, which is adaptable and can also be grown indoors.

The next step along the continuum of hardiness is junipers, particularly Chinese and procumbens varieties. Small varieties of azaleas, which are sturdy with nice leaves and flowers, are also popular among bonsai enthusiasts, Velasco said.

Outdoor bonsai are delicate, however, and need to be protected once temperatures reach -6 degrees C.

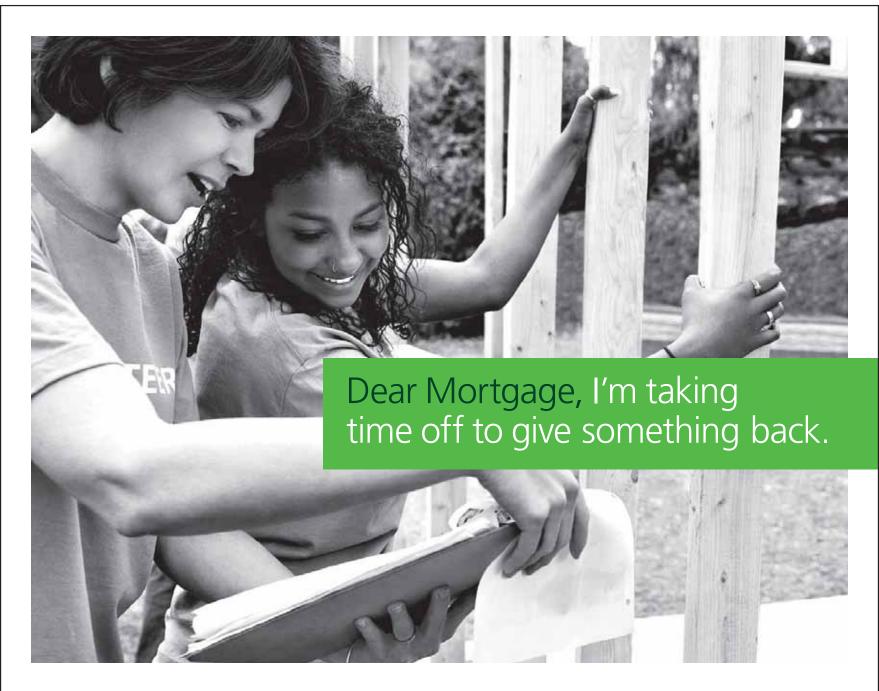
"Most people will bury just the pot part of the bonsai in soil and mulch up against a house or fence to protect it from drying winds. Burying the pot evens out the temperature for the roots so there are no sudden drops or super hard freezes," Velasco said.

Another strategy is burying just the pot part of the bonsai under a bench in the winter, and covering the bench with some clear plastic.

In addition to selecting the right variety, beginners need to understand bonsai stress and watering, Velasco said.

"A lot of times people bring home a bonsai and it drops its leaves and looks unwell. It's just stressed out. It needs time to adjust, and a little patience," he explained. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

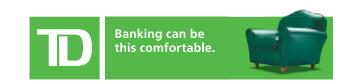




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hands on deck

Get on board. Paul Lafrance has timely tips to get outdoor space shipshape for summer

The days are finally getting warmer and it's almost time to enjoy our backyards again. But after a long, rough winter what used to be an outdoor oasis may be in shambles. Luckily, deck guru Paul Lafrance has some tips and tricks for easy weekend makeovers that will keep your outdoor space beautiful, inviting, and stress-free for the summer ahead.

Stain the deck

Guaranteed this winter had snow and ice accumulating on your deck. If you don't have composite decking, you need to avoid those water stains on the wood by sanding and staining it. Do this as soon as the weather hits 10 degrees so that you are doing the work when it's still a bit chilly outside instead of on a beautiful day when you'd rather be on the deck relaxing.

Consider composite

If the structure of your deck is sound and the framework is lasting, then the best possible thing you can do for your sanity and the resale value of your home is to replace the deck boards with composite decking. This is easily a weekend project and will save you hours of maintenance in the future when you simply need to wash it clean instead of staining it.

Rethink your railings

To add more of a design

flair to your deck, consider other options outside of the traditional wooden railings. Change them to glass for an upgraded view, or choose colours like black, white, or bronze to better suit your taste. You can even add railings with mirrors for a more interesting look.

Light it up

I cannot stress enough how important lighting is to design, and how much it can transform an outdoor space. You don't need to be an electrician to incorporate LED lights with your deck, or to add lights that will help you see better and boost the ambience at night.

Invest in furnishings

Deck furniture has been completely revolutionized from the past — there are outdoor furnishings now that are being mistaken for living room furniture. You can make over your whole space with some chairs and tables, or even create the effect of a room by adding an umbrella to a dining or living space outdoors.

Add privacy screens

Privacy screens are a great way to not only add privacy to your backyard space, but to also create a focal point and a creative "wow" for guests. Instead of simply copying the fencing that you have and making a screen out of consider incorporating something more decorative that suits your design tastes. You can choose anything from faux stone to something with a hanging water feature. If you can see it from inside it makes the outdoor space even more inviting.

Decked Out

Watch Paul Lafrance in all-new seasons of Decked Out and Disaster Decks, Tuesdays beginning at 9 p.m. ET/PT on HGTV Canada.



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Have a DIY Easter

Style gurus Steven Sabados and Chris Hyndman are getting ready for the Easter holiday and shared these easy, costeffective DIY projects to help you get into the spring spirit. For more seasonal ideas, watch Steven and Chris weekdays at 2 p.m. on CBC.



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Paper nest with personalized Easter egg

Nothing makes a guest feel more welcome than a personalized (and pretty) place setting.

- Colourful magazine pages
- Paper shredder
- Dyed eggs (1 egg per guest)
- · Acrylic paint and small paintbrush for fine art
- Letter stencils to fit the size of an egg
- Table setting and linens

Method

1. Rip several colourful pages from old magazines and shred with a paper shredder.

2. Take a handful and create a round nest measuring 3 to 4 inches in diameter.

3. Dye eggs in pastel colours or to match the palette of your dining table decor. Tip: To save time, purchase coloured eggs from a discount or craft store.

4. Add the initial of your guest's name, either painted by hand or stencilled using an accent colour.



Doily charger plates

Give those traditional doilies a contemporary spin with this über-easy DIY.

- Paper doilies in 2 sizes (8 and 10 inches) from discount or craft store (2 doilies per place setting). Tip: As an alternative, use vintage doilies dyed with fabric dye
- Pastel-coloured acrylic paint
- Medium-size art paintbrush
- Table setting and linens
- Small vase to rest on salad plate

Method

1. Paint doilies a pretty pastel hue or to match your table decor. Paint all doilies the same colour or two complementary colours for each place setting.

2. Allow doilies to dry (best to do prior to the day you are expecting your guests).

3. Place the larger doily under each dinner plate and the smaller doily on the plate (your salad plate will sit on top).

4. Add fresh flowers such as tulips or daffodils to each individual place setting.

Children's Easter place setting

- Colourful napkins, white paper and sticker label
- Bamboo or plastic cutlery
- Easter basket, bowl or porcelain berry container
- Shredded paper for Easter nest (can be found at any craft store or shred your own colourful paper)
- Plastic and/or chocolate Easter eggs
- Vinyl table cloth, scrapbook paper for placemats, milk bottles and straws, melamine or paper plates

Method

1. Use vinyl table cloth to cover table or create a runner. Place scrapbook paper on table cloth/runner as placemats.

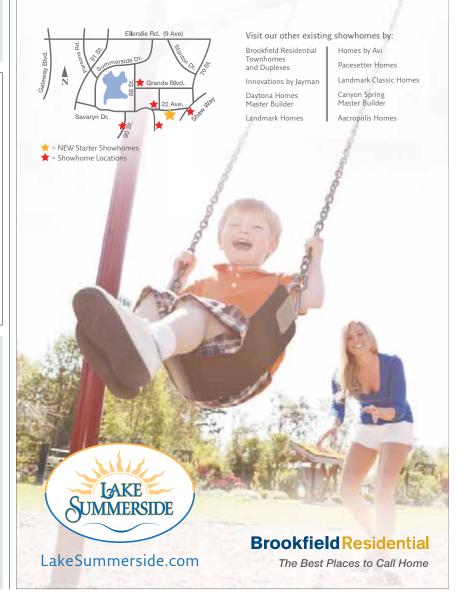
- 2. Cut pieces of paper measuring 3 to 4 inches wide, wrap around napkins and seal at the back with clear adhesive tape. Write each child's name on a label and place on the paper. Place plastic/wood cutlery between the napkin and name label.
- 3. Fill the baskets with paper straw, place Easter eggs inside and rest on plates.
- 4. Add milk bottles to place settings and scatter remaining Easter eggs around placemats.

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Green thumb or no, these are good to grow

Indoor decor and more. Plants pretty enough to eat or sturdy enough to neglect

Homeowners who are wary of growing plants indoors, especially if they travel often or are prone to forgetting to water, might want to consider a variety of low-maintenance plants that breathe life and design into a room.

'I've actually been starting to put plants into all of my projects," says Kyla Bidgood, an interior designer. "They just bring a whole other level of life and cosiness to a space."

The Victoria-based Bidgood says there are easy ways to bring plants into a space, even for those without a green

Living on air

"A great way to add some greenery to a space that is really low maintenance is air plants," she says.

Tillandsia, also known as air plants, are native to the forests, mountains and deserts of Central and South America, the southern United States and the West Indies. They don't need soil because water and nutrients are absorbed through the leaves, and their roots serve only as an anchor.

'They are awesome, and you can put them in every-thing," says Bidgood. "There are lamps where you can put something in the base of the lamp, and you can pop an air plant in there.'

High and low

Combining plants of various

heights and kinds is a great way to create dimension and design in a room.

In her living room, Bidgood combined a tall blood orange tree with a smaller rubber tree to create a visually interesting vignette.

Citrus appeal

"If you have the natural light and have a green thumb, citrus plants are great," she says. "They produce beautiful fruit you can actually eat, but they do need more water and

Bringing edible plants indoors, like citrus trees, not only adds colour and life to a room, but it also allows homeowners to have a taste of spring in their home year

Edible flowers

Judy Kenzie, owner of Strathcona 1890 Urban Seed Collections, grows her garden in containers around her yard and indoors.

"This year, I tried to grow edible flowers inside," she says. "I wanted to try it and germinate, and grow them

According to Kenzie, growing edible plants inside often requires some experimentation, and a willingness to see

already have as food.

"What a lot of people don't realize are things like pansies that you can buy as indoor potted plants are edible flowers," she says. "You could have those flowers on your window sill and they would be beautiful, and you can throw them in your salad."

Pea plants are another option for injecting pops of colour into your kitchen, while also being great to add to salads and sandwiches.

Even though a homeowner would have to pollinate the plant to get peas, Kenzie explains, the rest of the plant is edible from the flowers to the

Greens year-round

A piece of equipment Kenzie hopes will become a fixture in every kitchen is a grow light, which allows homeowners to grow lettuces and salad greens year-round.

Grow lights are commonly used by gardeners to help start seeds indoors in the spring, but Kenzie says homeowners could use them to nurture greens to supply their household, and even their neighbours, throughout the cold winter months.

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Interior designer Kyla Bidgood includes foliage in her projects, including air plants, to bring the outside inside and create unique sculptural elements. IEN STEELE, HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS





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Metro takes a cross-Canada trip to find out how far \$300,000 to \$350,000 will go in today's housing market.

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Calgary

This cowtown condo, deep in Calgary's south end, is sure to make any homeowner proud. Built by award-winning Homes by Avi, it offers 1,184 square feet of living space, complete with espresso cabinets and an island in the kitchen. A double garage, fenced backyard and private concrete patio complete this stylish south-end home. Asking price is \$344,000.

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Ottawa

This three-storey, award-winning townhouse is all ready for a homeowner. Asking price is \$314,500. There are two regular bedrooms on the third floor, as well as a four-piece, ensuite washroom off a third master bedroom, also on the third floor. The second level houses a large chef's kitchen with dining and living room areas, while a mud room and family room are located on the first floor.

LISTING: EXIT REALTY MATRIX



Halifax

Comfort and convenience combine in this well cared for and tastefully updated three-bedroom home. Besides 1,144 square feet of space, good insulation and new windows make for a high EnerGuide rating. The property is located close to the shops and restaurants of nearby Hydrostone Market. Asking price is \$348,900. A professional paint job is promised prior to closing.

LISTING: KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY

Saskatoon

An abundance of southfacing windows ensures ample natural light for this corner unit townhouse, located on a quiet crescent in the south Saskatoon residential community of Stonebridge. Built a scant five years ago and boasting 1,337 square feet, hardwood floors, granite countertops and an upstairs washroom skylight, the asking price for this property is \$334,900.

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Kegina

This family-friendly home includes four bedrooms and four washrooms, as well as a generous sized lawn and an oversized single-vehicle, attached garage. Asking price is \$339,900. The square footage comes in at slightly more than 1,400 square feet. Recent renovations involved an additional two-piece washroom and allowing for direct backyard access on the main level. The yard includes an outdoor skating rink and a hot tub, both negotiable.

LISTING: ROYAL LEPAGE REGINA REALTY



Toronto

While not exactly downtown living, this three-bedroom, two-bathroom home fits the first-timer's price point. It is located close to transit, shopping and schools. The open-concept design includes laminate floor and garage access from the inside, all for an asking price of \$324,900. An additional monthly fee of \$190 goes toward snow removal and lawn care.

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London

A walkout, wraparound deck overlooking a large lot makes this three-bedroom east London house shine. A vaulted ceiling and cultured stone fireplace with stained mantel only add to the elegant decor, along with decorative columns, contemporary spindle rail and open-concept design. The two-storey property includes four bedrooms,



three washrooms — two full, one half — and an attached double garage. Asking price is \$324,275.

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CITY REALTY

Edmonton

This three-bedroom, two-storey townhouse in Miller Park Estates boasts a fully finished walk-out basement, complete with family room and two-piece washroom downstairs. There are four total washrooms, along with a gas fireplace in the living room, a rear deck and patio and green space behind the unit. The \$342,500 asking price is helped by



low condo fees, which run \$178 per month.

LISTING: CENTURY 21 A.L.L. STARS REALTY



Vancouver

This spacious one-bedroom, one-washroom condominium is a stone's throw away from Jericho Beach, making it a perfect location for pet lovers. The property includes stainless steel appliances, stone counters and dark hardwood floors, as well as a 16-foot south-facing patio. Nearby shopping and an enormous master bedroom make this 656-square-foot, \$342,500 unit a steal of a deal.

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Winnipeg

Located in the heart of Winnipeg's colourful and cosmopolitan Exchange District, this condo is housed in a gorgeous boutique-style building. Exposed brick and beam design complement a unique 1,100-square-foot floor plan. Stainless steel appliances are included in the \$329,900 asking price. Oversized windows, a huge



island-style kitchen and oversized hot water tanks round out the deal.

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Become interested in rates

Borrowing money to buy a home is likely going to be the biggest financial commitment you ever make. So it's important to do your research and understand what you're getting into.

Here's a quick guide.

Interest rates

Homebuyers have enjoyed low interest rates for a while now. "And I think they're go-

ing to hold for several more months," said Toronto mortgage broker David Smith. "By the fall, we're probably going to see 3.09 and 3.1 perhaps, and these are still extraordinary low rates and cheap money."

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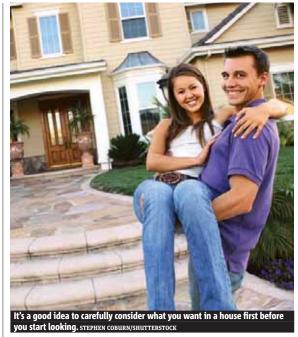
Put down at least 20 per cent of the home price, advises Will Britton, a financial adviser in Kingston, Ont., and a member of Advocis, the Financial Advisors Association of Canada.

You will qualify for a conventional mortgage loan, which is equal to or less than 80 per cent of the lending value of the property. Otherwise, a high-ratio mortgage requires mortgage loan insurance from a provider such as Canada

Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and that will cost more.

Pre-approval

It's important to be pre-approved for a mortgage by a bank. "Given how competitive the marketplace is, if your offer has a condition on financing, you won't win the property," Smith said.



Understand the process

JENNIFER TAPLIN

Buying a house can be an overwhelming financial decision

First-time homebuyers tend to be highly educated and are quite thorough with their research by using online tools to find potential properties and calculate costs. But they aren't as confident when it comes to mortgages and the technical process of buying a house, said Terri Gibbons, with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, who is based in North York, Ont.

"It is important for firsttime homebuyers to determine how much they can afford before they begin the process, keeping in mind all of the upfront costs," Gibbons said. "It is recommended that first-time buyers seek out a mortgage professional and ask lots of questions and clarify their understanding along the way."

It's also a good idea to carefully consider what they want in a house first before they start looking, she added. Considerations include number of bedrooms, location, resale potential, and any renovation costs.

"It is costly to move, so these considerations are very important," Gibbons said.

When all the ducks are in a row and first-time house hunt-

ers find the right property at the right price, Winnipeg real estate lawyer Leandro Zylberman advises to take a breath before making an offer.

"When I get into the picture, it's usually after the offer has been signed and accepted," he said. "Once I get that, it's too late to make any changes."

If there are components of the offer the buyers don't understand, they can make the offer subject to lawyer approval, Zylberman advised.

This part of the process is made easier with advice of a real estate agent, who doesn't charge commission for buying a house, only for selling, Zylberman said, which is a definite perk for first-timers.

And don't forget about the closing costs, which can be more than moving and lawyer fees. Many provinces have a land or deed transfer tax that catches many first-time homebuyers unaware.

From start to finish, the homebuying journey can be a long one. According to CMHC statistics, first-time homebuyers take three months longer than repeat buyers to make their purchase. That's about 10 months total of planning.

Almost two-thirds of first-time homebuyers are younger than 35, where only 20 per cent of repeat buyers are younger than 35 years of age. A large majority, 82 per cent, of first-time buyers have a post-secondary education.





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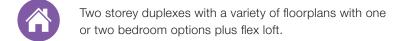


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The perfect location

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The old adage that location, location, location is a top factor when buying a house is no joke. But determining that just right location can be a struggle for first-time

For example, should you consider buying the best house on the worst street, or the worst house on the best

street?

homebuyers.

"Your value is going to be the worst house on the best street," said Halifax real estate agent Paula Langille. "It's usually the most affordable."

Having the nicest house on the block isn't as advantageous because equity won't build as quickly, she said. But a fixer-upper on a charming street will be worth more in the long run.

"And also your carrying costs will be less than anyone else on the street; your taxes will be a bit less."

Marilynn Strilchuk, a real estate agent in rural Alberta, agrees. She said picking a good community can be the far better choice because of the equity.

And when it comes to choosing which community to live in — city, suburb or rural — there are several factors to nail down first before hitting any open houses.

Strilchuk said if a homebuyer has a family or plans to, they need to check out what services are available, such as schools, parks, and community centres.

Generally bigger houses with garages and large yards



are more affordable in the suburbs, but that's not always the case. For example, properties in the Edmonton bedroom communities of St. Albert and Sherwood Park can be pricey, but Spruce Grove and Stony Plain are cheaper.

"Sometimes it's not about what you want when you're a first-time homebuyer, but it's what you can afford," Strilchuk said.

Rural properties provide the space, but they most likely come with a well and septic system instead of a municipal service, Langille said.

Some homebuyers place a higher priority on having a nearby bus route and want to be able to walk to work.

Where do you want to live?

Location is a critical factor.
A home with everything you need, but in the wrong location is probably not the right home for you. Here are some tips from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to consider about location.

- Do you want to live in a city, a town or in the countryside?
- How easy will it be to get to where you work? How much will the commuting cost?
- Where will your children go

to school? How will they get there?

- Do you need a safe walking area or recreational facility, such as a park, nearby?
- How close would you like to be to family and friends?





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FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS 31

Condos. Settle into a different type of lifestyle

YLVA VAN BUUREN

It's a great time to buy a condominium.

The market is more balanced compared to houses, says Toronto mortgage broker David Smith. And there are lots of long- and short-term benefits

Here is a list to consider:

Affordability. While budget will dictate location, amenities and size, a condominium is usually more affordable than a house. "For many first-time buyers, it's the only way to enter the real estate market," Smith said.

2 Availability. There are lots of condos on the market, Smith said, and they are good value — an antici-

pated downward direction of prices hasn't occurred.

Base of living. Christopher Dewdney, a Toronto financial adviser and member of Advocis, the Financial Advisors Association of Canada, says condo fees generally cover maintenance such as snow removal, lawn care, and even indoor plumbing in some cases. Many condominiums

provide amenities such as a pool, fitness club, and outdoor barbecues.

Lifestyle. Some condominiums are "lifestyle communities" with regular events such as wine tasting and movie nights where owners can network and meet new friends.

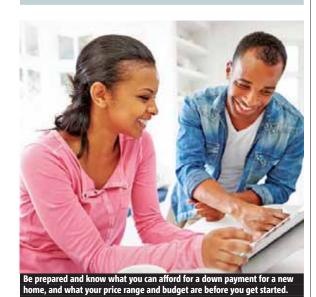
Safety. Most condos have built-in security including security cameras and a concierge.

Good investment. "Historically, you see an appreciation in the value of real estate," Dewdney said. That's great compared to renting where you end up with no equity or ownership. A condominium could become a rental property in the future for you, too.

7 Net worth. You are building your net worth.

Through the property, you are building equity, Dewdney said. "If there's a financial opportunity or emergency, you could always secure a line of credit against that equity in the property."

Stepping Stone. A condominium will be worth more in the future — if you sell it, you can use the surplus towards a new property or investment.



An investment that's worth the challenge

KRISTA SYLVESTER

Buying your first home can be a daunting task but it's an investment that is worth the challenge, especially if you know the tricks of the trade.

Calgary realtor Bill Leesman is experienced in helping first-time homebuyers find their ideal first home and his biggest advice would be to do their research first.

"You have to be prepared and know what you can afford for a down payment, and what your price range and budget are before you get started," he

"First-time homebuyers should be prepared to keep their first home for at least four or five years in order to get enough equity to be able to upgrade to a new home later on. Buying your first home for just a year or two doesn't make much sense."

That's why Leesman recommends buying the right size of home — if you are going to

have a growing family, make sure you have enough room in the house down the road.

And while nice appliances and several bedrooms are always nice to have, they don't factor in to the overall cost as much as some people might believe, Leesman said. Leesman cautions homebuyers to make sure the appliances are in working order or they might have to buy new ones after they move in.

However, developed basements and garages certainly drive the cost up.

"People are actually bet-

"People are actually better off buying homes with undeveloped basements and without garages and then finishing them later themselves. People can generally build their own garage or develop the basement after the fact for less than what it would cost added on to the house price."

Another big factor that can drive up the cost of a home is location. "Busier streets tend to cost less than quieter streets or houses in cul-desacs," Leesman said.

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LEAVE A LASTING IMPRESSION

You have just seven seconds to make a first impression. And a ready smile, neat and appropriate attire, and fresh breath, especially, are all part of making a good one.

On the other hand, bad breath (as well as being grouchy, wearing ill-fitting clothing, and playing with your hair or moustache) leaves a lasting bad impression.

Here are times when good oral hygiene and body care are especially important.

THE COCKTAIL PARTY: There is no way around close contact at a social gathering. You are rubbing shoulders with strangers,

having quick conversations with old friends, and spotting people across the room that you would really like to meet.

A JOB INTERVIEW: Problems like bad breath can definitely spoil your chances in an important job interview. There is going to be a handshake and a discussion, perhaps in close vicinity.

A FIRST DATE: Meeting a potential partner for the first time is stressful as it is. You don't want to worry about your breath. And you certainly don't want to find out that this person takes your breath away — in a bad way.

KARAOKE: Sharing a stage puts



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you in very close quarters with another person, and if you are belting out a song together into one microphone, yikes.

THE AIRPORT: Whether you are arriving at the airport yourself or you are picking someone up, there are going to be hugs and kisses with all the greetings.

DINNER PARTY: Getting together around a dinner table is what you do to have fun, and you can count on lots of hugs and kisses at the beginning and end.



BAD BREATH CAN BE A BUMMER

Research has shown halitosis is a confidence killer, and can make a person super sensitive about breath problems.

The sooner you determine if you have a problem, the sooner you can do something about it.

To find out:

- Cover your mouth and nose with your hand, and exhale. Now breathe in through your nose. Does the air smell bad?
- Watch how people react when you talk. Do they stand at a distance, or act a little odd after you speak?
- If your partner starts to avoid kissing you on the mouth, there may be an issue. But it may be their breath, too

What to do? Improve your oral hygiene by brushing your teeth, flossing, and using a dental mouthwash, regularly. Talk to your dentist about your concerns, and be sure to always carry mints and mouthwash, too.

REFRESHING TIPS FOR MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

You have been thinking about this moment for a while. Now the lights are low, the two of you are alone, love is definitely in the air. You lean in, close your eyes and purse your lips for that first kiss — and wait and wait.

OMG. Your date has recoiled. Was it your breath?

Bad breath is actually one of society's oldest and most troublesome social problems. Called halitosis, it can be caused by different factors, including poor oral hygiene, strong smelling foods such as fish, onion, garlic, and even coffee, smoking, and dental and health problems. It is the third most frequent reason — after cavities and periodontal disease — that people see their dentist.

Often, a relationship problem has spurred

on the visit. Since sense of smell is so closely linked to your emotions, sweet smelling breath has everything to do with love, kissing and connecting — or not connecting.

SINGLE — AND NOT LOVING IT

Bad breath is often referred to as a social life killer. In fact, in research, sufferers say it ruins their life.

Not surprisingly, single people with bad breath often have problems dating, and getting married. Furthermore, they are so anxious about their breath in social settings that they avoid face-to-face encounters and can become loners — and lonely.

Thirty-four per cent of survey participants with halitosis said their bad breath made them hesitant to speak to others.



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If you are starting to date someone you really like who has bad breath, try some subtle hints such as eating mints after dinner, avoiding strong smelling foods, and even

talking about your own oral hygiene habits.

MARRIED — AND NOT LOVING IT EITHER

In research, sufferers say bad breath causes them to sleep separately from their spouse.

While couples who have been together for a while can be forgiving and understanding, bad breath can still be difficult to ignore, especially in the bedroom. Halitosis is often the reason behind partner rejection and marital problems.

If bad breath is ruining intimate moments, be honest but be kind. Encourage your partner to brush their teeth, floss, and rinse with a mouthwash at least twice a day. This will prevent bacteria from settling in the mouth. If there is a new chronic bad breath issue, check in with the dentist, too.

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Quintessential Thai flavours compliment veg

Vegetable Pad Thai. Everyone's favourite

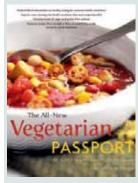
Everyone's favourite street dish from Thailand goes vegetarian

"(Pad Thai) is a traditional national dish served all over Thailand. It's sweet and spicy with a hint of tartness thanks to the lime, and features a wide variety of vegetables," writes Linda Woolven in The All-New Vegetarian Passport.

- **1.** Cook the noodles according to the package instructions.
- **2.** In a large frying pan, heat the oil. Add the tofu and cook, stirring, for about 7 minutes, or until slightly browned. Add the egg (if using) and cook, stirring, for about 2 minutes. Add the bok choy, bell pepper, broccoli and cauliflower and cook, stirring, for 3 to 4 minutes. Add the

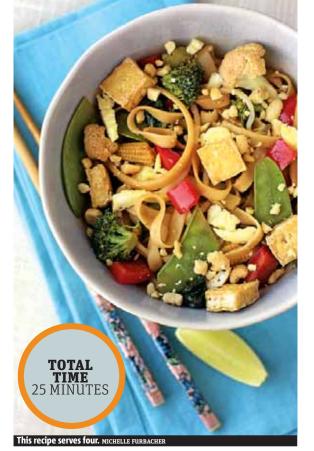
Cookbook of the Week

Around the world



Discover the best vegetarian delicacies from all over the world without leaving your kitchen. In The All-New Vegetarian Passport, Linda Woolven exposes readers to international flavours that also help to create a healthy new relationship between your body and your plate. The book boasts 350 of Woolven's favourite recipes and is split into sections that include North Africa and The Middle East, The Mediterranean, Europe, India, Asia, Latin America and The Caribbean, North America and more. METRO

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mung bean sprouts, snow peas, baby corn, bamboo shoots, soy sauce, rice vinegar and chili flakes and cook, stirring, for 3 to 4 minutes. Add the noodles and peanuts and heat through. Serve with lime wedges to garnish.

FROM THE ALL-NEW VEGETARIAN PASS-

From your fridge

From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

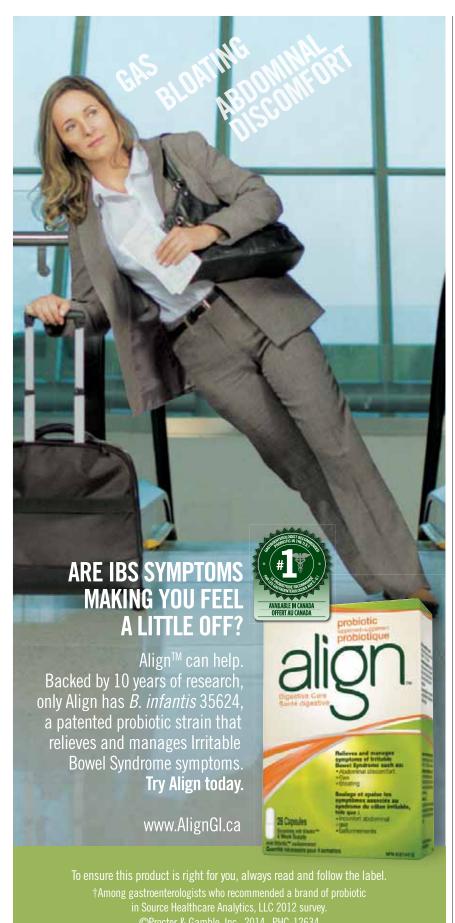
PORT BY LINDA WOOLVEN (WHITECAP, 2013)

Ingredient

- 6 oz (175 g) wide brown-rice Thai noodles
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) first cold pressed extra virgin olive oil
- 2 oz (60 g) extra-firm tofu, cubed
- 1 egg, beaten (optional; omit for diabetes, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and vegan diet)
- 2 baby bok choy, chopped
- 1 medium-size red bell pepper, diced (omit for rheumatoid arthritis)
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) broccoli

florets

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) cauliflower florets
- 1 cup (250 ml) mung bean sprouts
- Handful each of snow peas, canned baby corn, drained and rinsed; canned bamboo shoots, drained and rinsed
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) sov sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) rice vinegar
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) chili flakes
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) crushed unsalted peanuts
- lime wedges



MLB

hit his first homer of the season and Toronto starter Brandon Morrow struck out nine over six innings as the Blue Jays defeated the Houston Astros 7-3 on Wednesday night in Toronto.

Lawrie belted a tworun shot off reliever Josh Zeid in the seventh inning as Toronto (5-4) earned its first series win of the young season. Morrow (1-1) allowed five hits and three earned runs as the Blue Jays moved above the .500

Melky Cabrera, Maicer Izturis and Dioner Navarro had two hits apiece as Toronto outhit the Astros 10-6. Morrow struck out the side in the first inning and his teammates gave him an early lead with a pair of runs in the bottom half. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

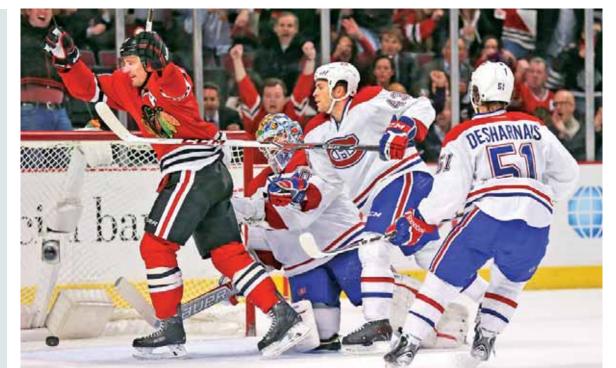
Roughriders extend Taman through to 2017

Brendan Taman and Corey Chamblin are now tied at the hip.

Taman, the Saskatchewan Roughriders' general manager, signed an extension that keeps him under contract with the CFL club through the 2017 season.

Last month, Taman re-signed Chamblin as the club's head coach for the next four seasons. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blue Jays move above .500 with win over Astros Canadian Brett Lawrie



Blackhawks alternate captain Patrick Sharp scores the overtime-winning goal as Canadiens Peter Budaj, from left, Mike Weaver and David Desharnais watch

Chicago Sharp-er than short-handed Habs

NHL. Sharp's goal in first minute of OT lifts Chicago to 3-2 win over Montreal

Patrick Sharp set up Marian Hossa's tying goal in the final minute of regulation and then got the game-winner 43 seconds into overtime to lift the Chicago Blackhawks to a 3-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday

Jeremy Morin also scored in the Blackhawks' fourth straight win overall, and their first in overtime this season after seven losses.

Sharp scored the winner on a shot from the slot that struck Montreal goalie Peter Budaj, rolled high off his equipment, ticked off the left post and landed in the net.

Hossa had tipped in Sharp's feed from the right corner to tie the game at 2 with 47.7 seconds left in the third period.

Corey Crawford finished

with 28 saves in the Blackhawks' final regular season home game.

Dale Weise and Francis Bouillon scored for Montreal, which snapped a two-game

win streak and lost for just the third time in its last 13 games. Budaj had 25 saves.

The Canadiens were without starting goalie Carey Price and defencemen Andrei Markov and Alexei Emelin, who didn't make the trip to Chicago so they could rest for the playoffs.

Not only was their little scoring, there were only two penalties - both on Montreal — in a cautiously played game between Original Six rivals with depleted lineups.

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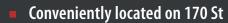
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6 **SPORTS**



Time for troubled Oilers to get on the winning Corsi



THE HOCKEY NEWS Ryan Kennedy edmonton@metronews.ca

When the regular season ends, Oilers brass will again go back to the drawing board in trying to put together a winning lineup. Given that a good deal of this team's talent is comprised of young players, that may mean a tinkering or it may be an overhaul. Does coach Dallas Eakins get the gate after one season, or would the stigma of five different bench bosses in six seasons be too much for the franchise to bear?

Whichever path GM Craig MacTavish chooses, he would be wise to get up with the new math and focus on putting together a roster that can play the game with the puck. As the

Maple Leafs found out in Toronto (way too late), advanced stats that track puck possession actually do tell a truthful story, one only obscured by good or bad goaltending (New Jersey is a great possession team, for example, but Martin Brodeur flopped this season and the Devils will miss the playoffs because of that. Jonathan Bernier's excellent play helped the Leafs lie to themselves for 60 games).

Looking at the Oilers, there is nowhere to go but up. Edmonton ranked 28th in the NHL when it comes to CORSI, a metric named after Sabres goalie coach Jim Corsi, who came up with the stat as a way to figure out how tough a night his netminders had and what that meant for the next day's practice. CORSI measures all shots, including

blocked shots and those that miss the net, versus those an opponent throws your way. The logic being that if you're shooting the puck more than your opponent, you must have had it more than them too. Not only were the Oilers dinged by that stat, but in terms of zone starts, the majority of the roster was weak. Taylor Hall, Jordan Eberle, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and Nail Yakupov all started way more shifts in the offensive end than they finished and that's a problem. Defenceman Justin Schultz was actually a slight positive in this category, as were muckers such as Matt Hendricks and Ryan Smyth. But for the Oilers to get better, the stars need to be leading this category, or at least not dragging it down. Age and strength may help, but whatever the cure is, it needs to be figured out.

Playoff flameouts

O Canadiens!

The Toronto Maple Leafs' playoff hopes ended on Tuesday with a 3-0 loss in Tampa Bay, leaving the Montreal Canadiens as the lone Canadian team left fighting for a Stanley Cup.

According to hockeyreference.com, the last time there was just one post-season participant from north of the border was in 1973 when, yes, the Habs topped the Chicago Blackhawks in the Stanley Cup final. METRO





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↑ Aries March 21 - April 20

The Sun in your birth sign does wonders for your confidence but there will still be times when self-belief deserts you. Keep telling yourself there is no good reason you should fear the worst, now or ever.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

This may not be an easy time of year for you but you can sense that the day will soon be here when your luck turns. Maybe that day will come sooner if you act as if nothing could possibly go wrong.

II Gemini May 22 - June 21

Tone down your comments because the planets warn if you say something others consider over the top it will rebound on you in ways you had not expected.

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June 22 - July 23

Think twice before volunteering to help the less fortunate through a task you know little about. Others may be wowed by your enthusiasm but they won't be so impressed if you make a mess of the job.

Ω Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't expose yourself to any kind of situation where you do not have full control over what happens. Not even your confidence will protect you from people who do not share your sense of fair play.

W Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You seem to have a phobia about something that at other times would not worry you. It may continue for a few days but come the start of next week you'll be all smiles again.

📤 Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Make sure you know what you are talking about today, especially if you are dealing with people who are experts. If you make claims that cannot be backed up with facts, they will make you look silly.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

For some reason you seem to believe you don't have the talent to be a success. That isn't true. Get your head straight and get on with making your mark on the world.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You have a tendency to say things you don't believe because you enjoy seeing the looks of shock on people's faces. It may be a lot of fun, but it could backfire today.

6 Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You can be sarcastic and the planets warn that your caustic way with words could have long-term consequences that

damage others and you.

∞ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may not get much in the way of thanks for a good deed today but that's OK. The world would be a sad place indeed if we only ever did favours for others because we expected to get something back in return.

H Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Try not to get angry or frustrated if a goal you are aiming to reach seems to be further away than ever. Just as there is a reason for everything that happens in life so too is there a reason for everything that does not happen. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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- 43. Rhyme scheme 44. Indebted person
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- 56. Cobbler's tool 57. Switchblade 58. "Chasing the

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69. Trans-Canada, et al.

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- 3. Spikes 4. Sarah Palin impersonator: 2 wds.

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- 9. Genetic info carrier 10. Geometry set item
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- Clint Eastwood
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- 24. Ghastly 25. Lacto-__ vegetar-
- 28. 'The Big Easy' 32. Start to 'sack
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- Albania 44. Singing the right
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- 51. Author, Zora
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- 62 'Trick' suffix
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Yesterday's Crossword

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Nissan MV200.

the E-Series, is also still in the old Econoline, now known as its full-size Transit. The good and cargo versions, as well as nect, available in passenger its redesigned Transit Con-Cruising in the same small vehicle lane, Ford will feature

with larger pickup trucks when it comes to utility, paytrucks, which often intertwine medium-duty -worls lliw oniH bns uzusl .quənil

load and functionality. csse known commercial contender. powered version of this wellits Sprinter 10 years ago and will showcase the latest diesel-Mercedes-Benz introduced

placing the familiar Econoline and Express, also known as

sourced choices slowly re-

with more modern European-

gone a complete transformation over the last few years,

Commercial vans have under-

you will certainly be drooling over clever tools, winches or

wings and chrome here, but

of equipment. Forget about

but one that focuses on useful, and often essential pieces

sion of the accessory section,

that tradespeople require.

The Commerical Zone could be considered an exten-

providers for toolboxes, shelving, caps and other necessities

and vans. Show visitors will find a plethora of equipment

With this in mind, the Edmonton Motor Show dedicated 25,000 square feet of space to the commercial use of trucks.

the particular needs of their Tradesmen and women need to tailor their truck or van to

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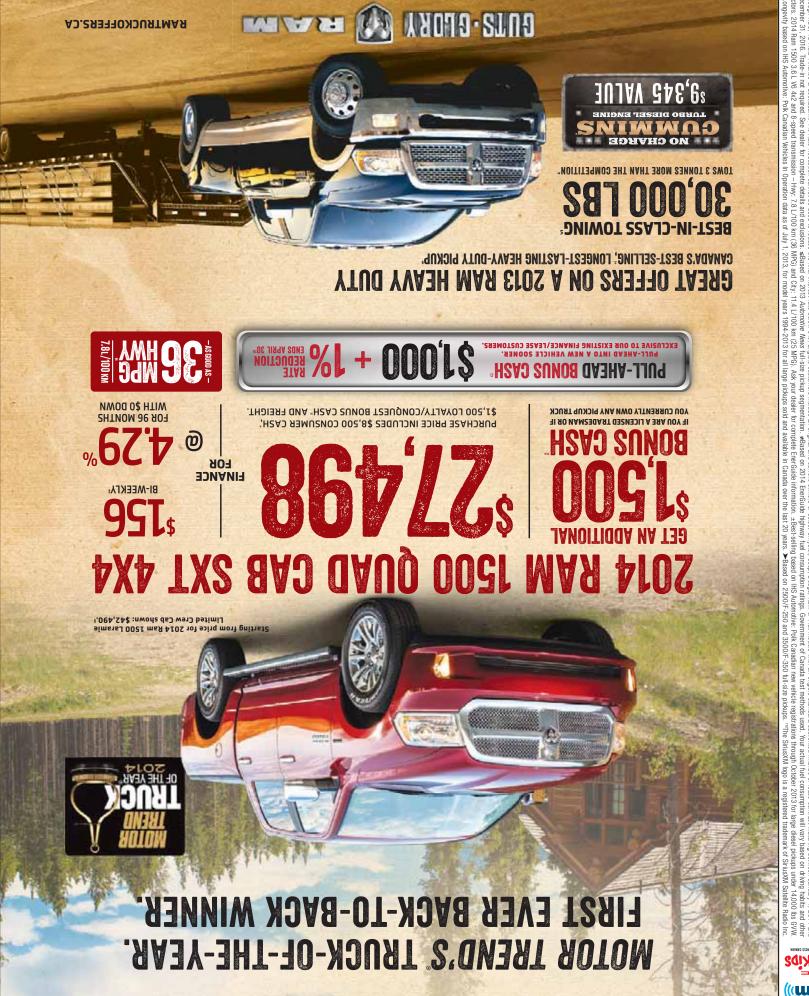
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85,000 square feet to accessories, plenty of space for visitors to find goodies to Auto Emporium
The auto show has dedicated
The auto show has dedicated

Lux Lane will feature many exotics and luxury cars over 77,000 square feet, including 770,000 square feet, including the Canadian HTT Plethore LC-750, a unique super car making a rare public appearance. Other cars to watch for include Lamborghini's new Hurcided Lamborghini's new Hurcided Lamborghini's horsche and many other exotic and luxury manufacturers will be displaying their dream be displaying their dream

Lux Lane will feature many

wheelest out in the Edward Super Cars, which will find something to your ilking at the Edmonton Motor Show. Whether you like super cars,

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or functional accessories, including audio and video improvements, possible. The Battle of the Customs is Specialists will also be on Battle of the Customs modified trucks. muscle cars, hot rods and fers all the mechanical, body

modified exotics, rest-o-mods, case special exhibits with This section will also show-Custom cars, such as this Challenger, will be on display at the auto show. $\mathbf{contributed}$

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your dream garage. hand to guide you in starting your project or in building



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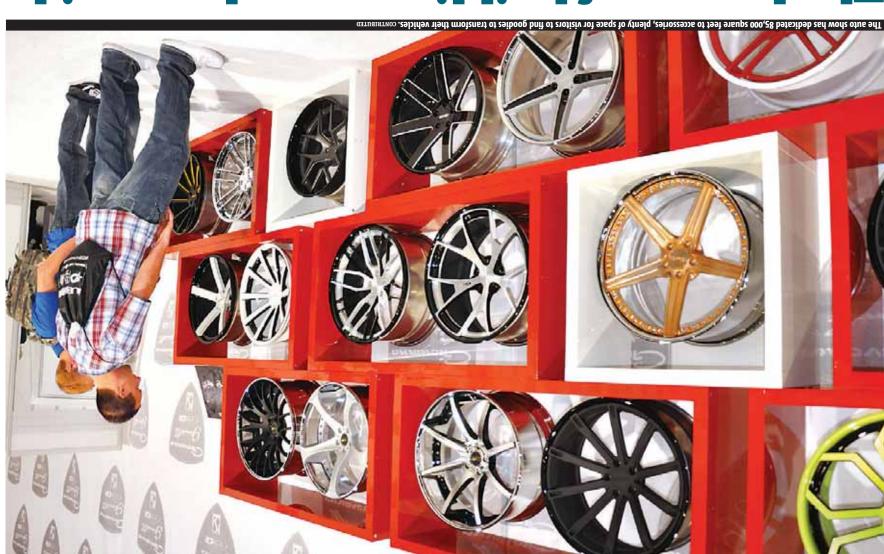
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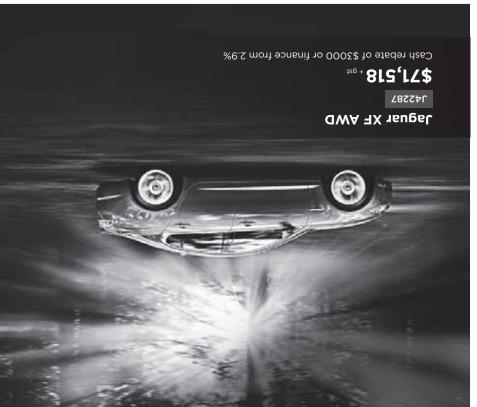
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This 2015 F-150 brings a

will be front and centre in the manufacturer's show booth.

at last year's show, which was at last year's show, which wise ing F-150. You guessed right, Ford's newly designed F-150.

A truck for every need Ford featured its Atlas concept

rounding area, this pickup to car ratio comes closer to

În Edmonton and the sur-

pickup sales in the country.

average, and with current economic conditions, it also represents the highest total

2012 was a pickup truck. That's double the national

10 vehicles sold in Alberta in

analysts at DeRosiers and Associates, three out of every

According to figures compiled by automotive industry

impressive new entries with

Cars aren't forgotten and the show will feature some

swer the needs of truck and

Show this year with many new products that will an-

up at the Edmonton Motor Manufacturers are showing

tresh looks.

SUV buyers.

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the best new pickup trucks and claimed the top spot in sale for a couple of months last year. They have been on were introduced at the show Sierra pickup trucks, which Chevrolet Silverado and GMC ture a new range of full-size General Motors will fea-

Titan and smaller Frontier on bəggur əti əvad Iliw naszil

display. no ed lliw noisrev enil edi-to yes, the impressive 1794 topin Edmonton last year. And, Tundra, which was unveiled Toyota will feature its

.T9g variable-geometry turbocharable swirl intake ports and a gas recirculation (EGR), varihigh-pressure cooled exhaust

reduction catalytic $(2CK)^{*}$ EcoDiesel features selective

improving dent and ding resistance and also saving F-150 body for the first time, - are used throughout the

wən-lls Тре 3.0-litre

market last year. powered 1500 pickup first unveiled to the Edmonton Ram will feature its diesel-

This EcoDiesel engine is



an important aspect for many in northern Alberta. donus of running on diesel, better fuel economy and the V-6 engines, while offering a full-size trucks equipped with gnome bessequenu ei bies of 420 pound-feet, which Ram ment. It delivers peak torque ing in the half-ton pickup segtechnology turbo-diesel offerthe first and only advanced-

for the rest of the year. pects that trend to continue ported, and the company exindustry since 1967, Ford resix-cylinder engine mix in the this year are powered by V6 engines. This is the highest Ford's F-150 retail sales so far More than 57 per cent of

power as some mid-range tures a lightweight, compact design to deliver the same 2.7-litre EcoBoost engine feaunder the hood. Ford said the 5.0-litre Ti-VCT V8 as options being introduced, joining the 3.5-litre EcoBoost and variable camshaft timing are gine with twin independent -n9 dV entil-Z.E s bns qot? vith standard Auto Start-

weight. A new 2.7-litre EcoBoost

powered by the new 2.4-litre starts with the Sport model, erty. The Cherokee lineup Cherokee to replace the Lib-Veep has introduced a new rent 5.4-litre V8.

Toyota Highlander Hybrid. соитвівитер

performance than the curdelivering more power and twin-turbocharged EcoBoost, the 3.5-litre, direct-injected pedition will be powered by Changing powerplants under the hood, the new Ex-

:VUS noitibegxa szis-Iluì will feature the redesigned Alongside its F-150, Ford

eimeneri eitemotus beeqe-xis with GM's Hydra-Matic 6L80 This latest engine is paired to the previous generation. more torque in comparison horsepower and 10 per-cent a five per cent increase in says this represents nearly



pound-feet of torque. Cadillac

cing 420 horsepower and 460

the 6.2-litre V8 engine produ-

5.3-litre VV and tops with

GM's trusted and reliable

sheet metal, updated mech-

year, these SUVs sport new

GMC Yukon and the luxuri-

let Tahoe and Suburban, the

lineup, including the Chevro-

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of Canada's 2014 car of the

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Like the pickup trucks last ous Cadillac Escalade.

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year awards.

Engine choices start with

Chevrolet Сатаго Z28. соитявиты

1964. Did you know that the cially went on sale April 17, celebrating 50 years after the 1965 Ford Mustang offfpletely redesigned for 2015, The Ford Mustang is commonton Motor Show. under the spotlight at the Ed-Modern muscle cars will be Cars for every driver

pound-feet of torque.

Chevrolet,

sleeker exterior.

with 505 horsepower and 481

gine helping spin the wheels

impressive Camaro is pow-ered by a 7.0-litre LS7 V8 en-

at the track enthusiast. This

ant of GM's muscle car aimed

Z28, a high-performance vari-

will display its new Camaro

ent setup, as well as a new,

with the help of an independ-

grades to its rear suspension

Airlines pilot Capt. Stanley

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first Mustang was sold to a

The Mustang features up-

meanwhile,

generation Highlander gas-electric mid-size hybrid SUV. marks the start of the thirdeven better interior. It also 2014 with a new look and an entry, this SUV returns for new Highlander. Known as a reliable, and family-friendly Toyota will feature the

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ter fuel economy. Hybrids are fuel-saving by

gas engine while still getting automakers can use a smaller engine and electric motor so combine the output of the gas electricity alone. They also off their engines and run on nature since they can shut







Auction. The price is right

A quick look through as being there. And, yes, the

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auction, is returning to the Edmonton Motor Show for a Electric Garage, a classic car

full power isn't needed, such

fewer of its cylinders when

As you would expect, many of them involve the engine. Several vehicles, including pickup trucks, feature cylinder der deactivation, allowing the engine to run on half or even its cylinders when

It used to be trait if you wanted as fuel-efficient vehicle, you pretty much had to buy the smallest one you could find. Today, automakers are putting new technologies into all vehicle sizes and segments that will minimize fuel use while still providing the performance that consumers demand.

It used to be that if you want-

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fourth year.
Last year's auction was a success, with four cars selling for more than \$100,000 while

for more than \$100,000 while more than \$0 per cent of the vehicles were sold.

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fuel efficiency. getting that smaller engine's

are under the hood. Cars and And not all the fuel savings

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1963 Dodge D100 Shortbox Stepside pickup truc

that same principle with Engineers are now using

turbocharging. While turbos used to be used almost exclu-

as a featured listing with no

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D100 Shortbox Stepside pickup truck with a rare

the auction's listings shows a nice variety of cars and trucks on offer. For example, to I but I bite 1 bods a bodge

ered by a 383 stroker motor. Chevrolet Camaro RS pow-Lot 53, a rare 1937 Lincoln Zephyr V-12; or Lot 71, a 1971 reserve. Other examples include:

new car goes for today. for less than what an average no reserve or are models going high-end collectors since many vehicles are offered with not counting the 100 pieces of memorabilia. The auction isn't just for base and sollatons

ises to be even bigger with more than 110 vehicles listed, tertaining. This year's auction prom-

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Notes: The MDX is more upscale, high-tech and efficient than ever for 2014, demonstrates new MDX as a solid value that will challenge machines priced tens of thousands more. **Standout scores:** Top scores for interior roominess, comfort, ease of access, and ride quality helped the MDX stand out, and scores for quality, acceleration, fuel consumption and emissions performance were among the category's best. These scores came from a competitor with the lowest as-tested price in the group, which should help cement the with the lowest as-tested price in the group, which should help cement the for sensible luxury remains.

In a nurshell: Acura's elemental MDX crossover has been a staple of the Canadian market for years, and the all-new model seeks to carry forward on its success. New technology, styling, power and connectivity features are applied, though the MDX's underlying recipe and connectivity features. Category win: Best new SUV/CUV over \$60,000

CANADIAN UTILITY VEHICLE OF THE YEAR FINALIST: ACURA MDX

leadership in comfort and space, and maintains a highly attractive price.



\$44,000 less than the category's pricier entries. Bang for the buck here is immense. among the category's highest scores across the board — despite an as-tested price up to And passing performance were tops in the category by a heffy margin as well and possted forms need to some the form of the sound possible and bossied forms of the sound possible and bossible and bossi CARVADIAN CAR OF THE YEAR HINALIST: CHEVICLE CONVETTE STINGUARY

Category win: Best new sports and performance car over \$50,000
In a nutshell: The new Stingray is a truly bar-raising performance car — packing the highest level of advanced technology, fuel-saving engineering and standard power output ever seen in a Corvette. With world-class performance and a starting price less than \$60,000, here is a machine that's bound to give numerous competitors a headache.

Standout scores: Throttle response, steering feel, braking feel and a landslide lead in subjective value scoring rocketed the Stingray ahead of its competitors. Braking performance and bassing performance were tons in the category by a held windralin as well.

CANADIAN CAR OF THE YEAR FINALIST: CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY



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with shoppers. Category win: Best new SUV/CUV \$35,000 to \$60,000 for a nutshell: Heavily updated for 2014, the Kia Sorento brings new technology, powertrains, and styling to the segment, building on a successful product popular with value-minded shoppers after safety, feature content and versatility.

Standout scores: Sorento earned the highest scores for driver position, ergonomics, throttle response after safety, feature content and versatility.

Standout scores: Sorento earned the highest scores for driver position, ergonomics, throttle response and powertrain refinement. It also boasted the strongest acceleration figures in the category. Further, a top score for subjective value was combined with high points in the segment for cargo capacity, visibility, emissions and ride comfort.

Notes: Sorento leads the pack in several scores, lands among the top in others, and loossted an as-teated price some \$7,600 lower than the next lowest-priced competitor. Top scores and low pricing confirm the Sorento's high-value approach to connecting with shoppers.

CANADIAN UTILITY VEHICLE OF THE YEAR FINALIST: KIA SORENTO

Canada and advanced features, safety, refinement and comfort should help it connect Notes: The new Cherokee competes in one of the most competitive market segments in

an antisheli. The new Cherokee delivers distinctive styling, tremendous feature content, and all-road, all-weather capability — all in a package designed to be exceptionally fuel-efficient, upscale and attainable. Numerous technological firsts are debuted in this model. **Standout scores:** Interior styling, feature content, refinement, ride comfort, off-road capability and subjective value scores helped put the Cherokee ahead of its competitors,

Category win: Best new SUV/CUV \$35,000 to \$60,000

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readily with value-minded shoppers.

as did top scores for safety features.

Category win: Best new SUV/CUV under \$35,000

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Year and Canadian Utilearned top honors in

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with more than two dozen automotive brands on hand automotive brands on hand to display their latest and greatest vehicles This week's Edmonton Mo-tor Show kicks off Thursday

08 əmos yd gniisət əvitsuah Cherokee earned top marks in their segments after ex-

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competition by 30 points, with top marks assigned for

package. Standout scores: The Mazda 3's overall score dusted the

handling, technology and advanced powertrain engineering typical of pricier models into a highly competitive

Category win: Best new small car under \$21,000 in a nutshell. The latest Mazda 3 combines styling, **CANADIAN CAR OF THE YEAR FINALIST: MAZDA 3**

interior and exterior style, quality, ergonomics, feature content and overall value. Scores for performance, steering, handling, braking and acceleration were all well

tive market segments in Čanada — and it's a standout choice for a shopper after fun-to-drive factor, fuel efff-ciency, and the latest in high-tech. shead of the pack, too.

Notes: The Mazda 3 competes in one of the most competi-

and body styling help the 6 hit more than its weight in the segment. Top levels of high-tech and advanced powerfor high-efficiency performance, while the upscale cabin In a nutshell: The new Mazda 6 uses Skyactiv technology Category Win: Best new family car over \$30,000 CANADIAN CAR OF THE YEAR WINNER: MAZDA 6

train engineering are on board.

Standout scores: Journalists assigned the Mazda 6 the highest scores in its category for interior and exterior styling, quality, ergonomics, and for steering, handling and braking feel. Subjective value was tops in the category.

and the Mazda 6 more than delivers on these fronts. Notes: Fuel efficiency, upscale styling, overall value and fun-factor are valued by many family sedan shoppers —

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the show, starting with dis-Friday is Ladies Night at Ladies, start your engines!

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tion, which you will find in the fourth year for the aucof them with no reserve. It's

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